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## Rahul to pick winners of CM race

Aspirants for Raj, Chhattisgarh CM posts rush to high command; overt consensus on Kamal Nath for MP

DEEPAK KUMAR JHA ■ NEW DELHI

It is now Congress chief Rahul Gandhi's call to decide the Chief Ministers for Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh as differences emerged in the legislatures party meetings of all these States where the Congress staked claim to form Governments.

The Chief Ministers would be declared in the Congress Legislatures Party (CLP) meetings in all three States on Thursday morning and thereafter the party leaders would convey the decision to Rahul following which he would take the final call.

Congress sources said the high command may choose former Union Minister Kamal Nath to take over as Chief Minister in MP while Rajasthan strongman Ashok Gehlot may be favoured over Sachin Pilot for the CM post in Rajasthan.

Sources said after the CLP meet both Gehlot and Pilot are likely to be in Delhi on Thursday to meet the party high command to iron out differences.

In MP, Jyotiraditya Scindia is likely to take it easy and propose the name of party heavy-weight Nath's candidature for the CM post. Nath has already patched up with another Congress strongman and former Chief Minister Digvijay Singh, who has a strong base in the State. Congress leader Shobha Oza said in Bhopal, "All the MLAs have unanimously decided that a decision on the Chief Minister (of Madhya Pradesh) will be taken by Rahul."

Bhupesh Baghel and TS Singh Deo are locked in keen tussle for the CM's chair in Chhattisgarh. Congress' Lok Sabha member Tamradhwaj Sahu's name also figured in the evening before the party decid-



Rajasthan Pradesh Congress Committee president Sachin Pilot waves at the crowd while going to attend the Congress Legislature Party meeting at the party office in Jaipur on Wednesday



Madhya Pradesh Congress president Kamal Nath, party leader Jyotiraditya Scindia and other leaders meet Governor Anandiben Patel to stake claim to form a Government, at Raj Bhawan in Bhopal on Wednesday

ed for the legislature party meeting in the presence of AICC observers Mallikarjun Kharge, AICC incharge for the State PL Punia and other senior leaders.

Making the choice of CM in Rajasthan is going to be tough task for Rahul.

Following the differences, Congress Legislature Party (CLP) meeting in Rajasthan passed a single-line resolution authorising the party president to decide the name of the Chief Minister.

While the CM's name was yet to be finalised due to disagreements, Congress delega-

tion met Rajasthan Governor Kalyan Singh to stake claim to form a Government. A Congress MLA said there could be another meeting of the CLP on Thursday morning to resolve the deadlock.

"We have full majority and have staked claim to form a Government. We will take along all non-BJP parties and elected members who are against the BJP and are willing to support us," Pilot said after the CLP meeting in Jaipur.

Asked about the choice of the Chief Minister, Pilot said the party's newly elected MLAs will debate the question, and

the party president will take a decision after that.

Rajasthan Congress MLA Vishvendra Singh has expressed disagreement over the process of seeking opinion of party legislators to select the Chief Ministerial candidate in Rajasthan when the party president will decide the face for the coveted post.

Both Pilot and Gehlot, both frontrunners for the post, were present in the meeting. Congress observer KC Venugopal held consultation with the party MLAs and feedback will be shared with the party president and then the announcement of the Chief Minister's name would be made.

## 8,7K traders under lens for ₹262 crore cyber-tax fraud

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

The Delhi Government has unearthed a cyber-tax fraud worth ₹262 crore committed by over 8,700 traders who were found showing fraudulent tax deposits into 13 banks since 2013, Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said on Wednesday.

Sisodia, who also holds the Finance portfolio, said the Trade and Taxes Department has registered a complaint with the Delhi Police's Economic Office Wing (EOW) for registration of FIRs into the matter.

According to Delhi Police spokesperson Anil Mittal, "Reena Toppo, VAT officer Delhi, has given a complaint against some business firms which had claimed input tax credit under GST on the basis of fictitious documents and non-existent bank accounts."

Preliminary amount involved is ₹9.97 crore. Complaint is being examined at EOW, said Mittal.

"Delhi Govt tax authorities have unearthed a big cyber-tax

fraud. More than 8,000 registered dealers have been found showing fraudulent tax deposits into 13 banks. The matter has been handed over to EOW, Delhi Police. The AAP Government believes in zero tolerance to any corrupt practices," Sisodia tweeted.

Earlier in the day, the Deputy Chief Minister said during the scrutiny of suspected fraud transactions, it was noticed that such kind of fraud had been continuing since 2013 and it was going on until it was detected by the department.

"The Government has detected cyber-tax fraud of ₹262 crore. As per our initial investigation, around 8,700 traders are involved in the fraud. It is a very serious issue that should be investigated thoroughly," he said.

"The authorities were on high alert for three months following some hints received by the department during verification of the credit of the payments made by the dealers registered with the department," he said.

## BJP ousted from Rajasthan by just over 1.7 lakh votes

IAN ■ JAIPUR

A total of 1,39,35,201 votes went into the Congress kitty in Rajasthan while the BJP received 1,37,57,502 votes — a marginal difference of over 1.70 lakh votes that ended five years of the BJP rule.

The Congress got 39.3 per cent of the vote spread over 199 Assembly constituencies and the BJP 38.8 per cent vote. The narrow difference led to the ouster of Vasundhara Raje and her Government.

NOTA (None of the Above) accounted for 4,67,781 lakh votes, or 1.3 per cent of the vote, Rajasthan Chief Electoral Officer Anand Kumar said on Wednesday.

Independents got 9.5 per cent vote (33,72,206) and the the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) 4 per cent (14,10,995 votes).

Overall, 74.69 per cent voting was recorded in Rajasthan on December 7. The statistics show independents and BSP played spoilsport for both Congress and the BJP.



Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia and Health Minister Satyendar Jain address a Press conference in New Delhi on Wednesday

## State Congress manifesto promises farm loan waiver

Also assures financial assistance to farmers for 5 yrs

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The Congress would waive all farm loans and extend financial assistance to farmers in the State for five years if the party comes to power in the 2019 elections, said Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee (OPCC) president Niranjan Patnaik after attending the first meeting of the PCC Election Manifesto Committee here on Wednesday.

Speaking to reporters, Patnaik said waiver of loans would not solve all the problems of farmers. Hence, the party has decided to provide solar pumps to help farmers with irrigation along with financial assistance for five years. "We will also extend financial support to the farmers continuously for five years. With irrigation facility round



the year, farmers will be able to produce additional crops that would stabilise their financial position. They will not borrow loans further," said Patnaik.

The PCC Chief also said that the monthly old-age pension would be increased from Rs 300 to Rs 1,000 if the Congress is voted to power.

On the Mahanadi water issue, Patnaik said, "Unlike the BJP, we will present the grievances on behalf of the State before the Chhattisgarh Government and the Centre. A solution will surely come out after that."

The PCC chief also reacted over the statement of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on the

election results in the BJP-ruled States that as the BJP had not implemented the report of the Swaminathan Committee on farmers' issues, it lost the polls. If so, the PCC president asked, "Why is Chief Minister Patnaik not implementing the Swaminathan Committee?"

Leader of Opposition in State Assembly Narasingha Mishra said, "People voted against the BJP. This is a victory of democracy and victory against injustice, atrocities, destruction of institutions, misuse of agencies, no work for poor people, farmers, youths, Dalits, SCs, STs, OBCs, minorities and general castes.

The semifinal poll battle proves that the BJP is virtually nowhere in all the States. This is a real democratic indication for the 2019 final match. Ultimately, voters are always the 'man of the match' of democracy."

## CM announces old-age pension for 5L more people

Total beneficiaries increases to 48 lakh

40,000 artists to get assistance of Rs 1,200 per month

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Wednesday announced old-age pension for additional five lakh beneficiaries in the State under the Madhubabu Pension Yojana.

The new beneficiaries would avail the benefit under the scheme from December 15. With this, a total of 48 lakh persons in the State would get old-age pension of Rs 300 or Rs 500 per month as per the criteria.

While people aged between 60 and 80 years get Rs 300 old-age pension, beneficiaries aged above 80 years receive Rs 500 under the scheme.

Announcing this at a meeting at the State Secretariat, Patnaik said that a single eligible beneficiary would be left out of the scheme.



Besides, the Chief Minister also declared that 40,000 artists would get assistance of Rs 1,200 per month under the Mukhya Mantri Kalakar Sahayata Yojana with effect from December 15.

The CM directed the district Collectors to disburse the assistance to beneficiaries under both the schemes from December 15 to 20 by organising special camps.

Chief Secretary AP Padhi, Development Commissioner Asit Tripathy, Secretaries of different line departments and other senior officials were, among others, present.

## PCC reports to AICC for action against Srikant Jena

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The PCC Disciplinary Committee headed by former Chief Minister Hemananda Biswal on Wednesday sent a recommendation to the All India Congress Committee (AICC) to take disciplinary action against senior leader Srikant Jena.

As Jena is a former Union Minister and a primary member of the AICC, the OPCC has left the task for its central decision-making body.

"The all media reports about the indiscipline behaviour of Srikant Jena were discussed in the meeting. As he (Srikant Jena) is a former Union Minister and member of the AICC, the final decision will be taken by AICC," Biswal told reporters here. In reply, Jena said he will keep his version with the AICC. "I am not involved any mining scam or I have not been pulled up by the court for transacting bribe," he added. Jena had on Sunday resigned from all committees of the PCC. A day before, he had been removed as chairman of the party's poll manifesto committee and was replaced by senior party leader Ganeswar Behera.



## NCPCR team arrives to inspect children's homes

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Following the hue and cry over the Dhenkanal shelter home sexual abuse case, a team of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) arrived in the State on Wednesday for inspection of different children homes.

The NCPCR Registrar, in a letter to the State Chief Secretary, had informed that a team of the Commission would reach the State and inspect the CCIs in different phases.

During their two-day visit, the team will inspect 56 shelter homes in 19 districts. After completing the inspection, the team will hold a meeting with the State Government officials on Thursday.

Notably, Union Minister for Women and Child Development Maneka Gandhi

on December 8 had directed the department Secretary to Odisha and submit a report about their functioning.

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conduct a detailed probe into the sexual abuse of minor girls in the Dhenkanal shelter home and submit a report.

Besides, she had also directed NCPCR officials to inspect all the shelter homes in

In a letter to the Chief Minister, Gandhi had said there are reports of sexual abuse and conversion of religion in the shelter homes run by the NGO Good News India.

## Elephant found dead in Athagarh forest

DINESH DAS ■ ATHAGARH

A female elephant, aged about eight years, was found dead at Rajanagar under the Athagarh Forest Range on Wednesday morning.

Locals intimated forest officials about the dead pachyderm, which was lying in a brinjal field near their village. Forest officials along with ACF Rajendra Kumar Das and Range Officer Rabindra Nayak reached the spot. A team of veterinary surgeons from the OUAT led by Prof Niranjan Sahoo also rushed the spot and conducted postmortem of the elephant's carcass. Local Block Veterinary Officer Susant Kumar Behera assisted the team.



During the postmortem, it was found that the tongue of the pachyderm was chafed and its lower jaws were broken. There was severe bleeding as at least two buckets of blood came out of its mouth.

The doctors' team apprehend that some incident like blasting had happened, due to which the animal's mouth was totally damaged. It was suspected that the poachers had

kept bombs for poaching the wild boars in this Sukasan Reserve Forest and regular poaching happen here with the knowledge of forest officials who allegedly in turn take bribe.

It is alleged that due to poor guarding of the forest, wild animal poachers have been active in this jungle, where at least five elephants have died in the last five months.

Environmentalists and wild animal lovers are deeply concerned over the matter and demand the concerned authorities to take stringent actions against the poachers and unscrupulous forest officials involved in the poaching and destroying the forest.

## Rehman's bail plea rejected

PNS ■ DHENKANAL

A special POCSO Court here on Wednesday rejected the bail plea of the main accused in sexual harassment of inmates at a shelter home in the district, Fayaz Rehman.

The court had earlier rejected the bail application of Rehman, managing director of NGO Good News India which was running the shelter home.

Rehman was sent to a jail here on December 7 after his two-phase police remand ended.

On December 2, Rehman, shelter home's project director Simanchal Naik and assistant director Udit Lima were arrested

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on charges of sexual harassment of girl inmates of the shelter home.

Sources said the shelter home was operating for the last two years without registration under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015. Reportedly, the shelter home has been sealed by the district administration.

# Human-elephant conflict 70 jumbos, as many people die in Odisha every year

## Save Elephant Trust holds meet on jumbo conservation

**SUMET SHARMA ■ BHUBANESWAR**

The Save Elephant Foundation Trust celebrated its sixth foundation day by organising a State-level workshop on elephant conservation here on Wednesday under the chairmanship of its head Dr Rajani Kanta Jena.

Additional PCCF (Central), Eastern Region, Rajendra Kumar Dey, former PCCF Priyanath Padhi, trust trustee Brahmakumari Leena, trustee Jitasatru Mohanty and Orissa Environmental Society president Dr Sundara Narayan

Patro attended as guests. Dey said that people bear the moral responsibility to save the world's biggest herbivorous animal from being endangered. He also laid stress on the human-elephant conflicts, which has now become a matter of concern.

While Padhi said that it is a matter of concern that forests are being destroyed for setting up different industries for the development of the State and, thus, elephants and other animals are straying into human habitations in search of food and water.

A report said that that due to the human-elephant conflicts about 70 elephants and 70 people die every year in Odisha. It may lead to endangering of elephants from the State in some time, he said.

Sharing her experience, Brahmakumari Leena said that people should be made aware not to tease animals and be

aggressive attitude towards elephants as they respond to the vibrations created by people very well.

As lack of spirituality in the main problems among the humans and if it is clean every problem in the society can be solved, Leena added.

Dr Patro said that awareness should be created among the villagers through distributing written materials and leaflets in the regional languages to save elephants.

On the occasion, two technical sessions were held on themes 'Human-Elephant Conflict' and 'Elephant Habitat Development' in which Satkosia Tiger Reserve Additional PCCF Dr Sudarsan Panda, eminent wildlife expert Dr Lala Aswini Kumar Singh, different Forest Divisions DFOs, former DFO Krushna Chandra Mishra and NISER research scholar Medha Nayak participated.

# 'Congress to hold stir if no HC Bench at J'pore'

## Bahinipati backs Koraput Bar's bandh call

**PNS ■ JEYPORE**

Jeypore Congress MLA Tara Prasad Bahinipati on Wednesday supported the demand of the Koraput Bar Association to set up a permanent Bench of the Orissa High Court at Jeypore.

Justifying the demand for a HC Bench in Jeypore, Bahinipati said, "Jeypore fulfils all the criteria laid down by the Jaswant Singh Commission for establishment of a permanent Bench of the HC. This place is located more than 550 km away from the HC, Cuttack. Besides it is a tribal-dominated district with many areas still lying cut-off."

Bahinipati also appealed the Bar Association of undivided Koraput district to support the bandh on December 18.

Bahinipati clarified that the District Congress Committee will be supporting the bandh and if the demand



is not fulfilled, the Congress will go for an indefinite bandh throughout the district. Lawyers like Ramesh Patra, Rabi Patra, Nanajee Acharya and Harish Muduli said if established, the HC Bench in Jeypore would cater to the need of the people of Nabarangpur, Rayagada, Malkangiri and Gajapati districts as well as the residents of these areas face much difficulty in going to Cuttack to pursue legal matters.

"We have been demanding for the HC Bench for a long time but our demand is deliberately ignored," they said.

Among others, Nihar Bisoyi, Ganga Sahu, Nori Mohanty, Janab Habibullah, Jyotirnanjan Mohapatra, Jotin Hota and Sital Rath were present.

# Issues of farmers and jobless youths Congress C'garh win a warning bell to BJD

**SANJEEV KUMAR PATRO ■ BHUBANESWAR**

Chhattisgarh has been an issue in Odisha since 2017 for the building up of reservoirs on the Mahanadi upstream, which the ruling BJD has been using to neutralise an emerging BJP challenge. But coincidentally now, it's the sweeping win of the Congress in Chhattisgarh that matters most for the dynamics of future BJD politics and Odisha politics as a whole.

Because, as goes the saying, a thud in your neighbour could be a bang at your house, the emphatic Congress win in Chhattisgarh has offered the Odisha Congress the centrepiece to play out the Chhattisgarh game here.

Interestingly, Odisha and Chhattisgarh poll dynamics have stark similarities -- the farmers, poor lot and tribals. The fall of Chaul Baba, as CM Raman Singh is popularly known among tribal poor, in Chhattisgarh, reveals the big takeaway that the lustre of Re 1-a-kg-rice has its expiry date. It needs mentioning that the wonder scheme launched in around 2008 has been hailed by

experts, jurists across the spectrum, and this Raman Singh model of PDS later became the genesis of the current Food Security Act.

Significantly, the Re 1-a-kg rice scheme was later implemented in Odisha prior to the 2009 elections, and the well-known political truth is this scheme had proved a bread-and-butter scheme for the Naveen Patnaik-led BJD Government as it reaped the harvest in electoral votes in the 2009 and 2014 elections as the scheme did to the Raman Singh-led BJD Government in Chhattisgarh in 2008 and 2013. However, the 2018 results show that such a popular scheme too has its lifespan.

The rice broth in Chhattisgarh was spoiled by farmers and jobless youths, who were in a soup over low paddy prices and few jobs. Since in politics it is the facts that look at you, Odisha too is battling with the same two gigantic unresets, which till now the BJD has ignored and not taken any perceptive policies to dissuade the growing resentment. The worrisome fact for the BJD is the State Congress will import the winning

Chhattisgarh game-plan in Odisha. The party could promise the Odisha farmers to hike the MSP of paddy to a whopping Rs 2,500 per quintal, besides bringing in farm loan waiver and pension for farmers post 60 years' age. For the BJD, it's impossible to declare so now given the state of State finances. And farmer agitation has haunted the State only recently when farmers under the Navnirman Krushak Sangathan have launched a massive protest with slogan of 'Bhubaneswar Chaloo' almost demanding the same sops in Odisha. The farmer organisations are now spearheading the movement at the panchayat and block levels.

Similarly, with around 10 lakh jobless youths in Odisha in 2018, the Congress could play the Chhattisgarh ball as the Congress has declared a monthly stipend to over 10 lakh unemployed youths in Chhattisgarh.

Interestingly, the BJP's loss is not news of comfort to the BJD. Because the Congress win will throw a grave challenge to the BJD as, unlike the BJP, the Congress has a committed base across Odisha.

# LETTER Adopt online voting facility

Sir, Gujarat experimented online voting in local body elections held in 2015 and it proved to be a tremendous success with an overwhelming public response. The process is very simple. At first, we have to download the online e-voting app released by the Election Commission and register our names, phone numbers, etc. Once the app is installed, on the day of election we will get OTP (one-time password) to our registered telephone numbers. Once we enter that number online through the app, the ballot paper will appear on the computer monitor; and immediately, we can cast our votes.

Of course, people possessing personal computers or laptops can avail the online voting facility because only personal computers or laptops have their own unique identification numbers and identities. So in case of misuse, it is easy to identify the culprits immediately. Online voting is possible using smart phone also. In fact, the Election Commission is contemplating on this proposal. This, in turn, would definitely save a lot of paperwork, labour cost, transportation cost and a lot of money to the exchequer. Even most people in villages, vegetable, flower and fruit vendors are also aware of using smart phone nowadays. Hence, I request the authorities concerned to view this matter seriously and implement online voting at least from the next local body elections in Odisha.

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# A'garh lad new RBI Governor

**PNS ■ ATHAGARH**

Locals feel proud that Shaktikanta Das, son of Kesabananda Das and Shobhamanjari of Jenapada village under Athagarh block, has been appointed as the new Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

Das is the first Odia RBI Governor, who assumed charge as the 25th RBI Governor on Wednesday. He was earlier a

Tamil Nadu-cadre IAS officer of the 1980 batch.

As his name for the top RBI post was declared by the Union Government after the resignation of his predecessor Urjit Patel, excited locals here congratulated him. In his reaction, Athagarh MLA Ranendra Pratap Swain has told this paper that Shaktikanta Das enhanced the importance of Athagarh being selected for the post of RBI Governor.

# BJD Govt to fall due to 'mood of people'

## As farmers most neglected in State, says BJP

**PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR**

The BJP on Wednesday said the BJD Government would also fall in the stream of 'mood of the nation', as stated by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik referring to election results of five States announced on Tuesday, because it has failed to provide support to farmers during the last 19 years.

"About 70 per cent of people are dependent on agriculture in the State. The Naveen Patnaik Government has done little for the sector. Hence, farmer families will push out the Government in 2019 elections," said BJP spokesperson Golak Mohapatra.

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fertilizers and insecticides. Farmers are not getting due prices for their vegetables due to lack of cold storages. Without getting support from the State Government, farmers are committing suicide and many others are going outside to earn living, he alleged.

He too slammed the State Congress leaders for being happy over the election results saying that voters have already discarded the Congress in Odisha. Bijepur and Bijatola elections have proved it, he said.

Stating that highest numbers of farmers had committed suicide during Congress rules in the country, Mohapatra said the Narendra Modi Government has introduced many programmes to support peasants.

# ALL SECYS' MEET 49% of allocated Budget money spent by Nov

## Revenue grows by 17%

**PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR**

The States fiscal performance shows an upward trend by end of November in both its major components of revenue generation and utilisation of budgeted allocation.

This was known from All Secretaries' meeting held under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary Aditya Prasad Padhi on Wednesday in which Principal Secretary Finance Ashok Kumar Meena outlined the financial updates for discussion.

Reviewing fiscal performances of various departments up to November 2018, Chief Secretary Padhi directed the departments to expedite expenditure during December and January. Padhi also directed the departments to review all court cases in the perspective of the Litigation Management Policy of the State Government and take quick decisions for their expeditious disposal.

The Secretaries were advised to also review the cases pending at heads of the department level and initiate actions for out of court settlement in

empowered committee meetings constituted under the policy.

The departments dealing with educational institutions, hostels and welfare homes etc were directed to ensure proper functioning of the intuitions at ground level with adequate safety and sanitation arrangements for the inmates.

Development Commissioner Asit Kumar Tripathy advised the departments to prepare a data base of the old cases with update information from the office of Advocate General so that they could be monitored properly.

Emphasising achievement of targets under various flagship programmes, Chief Secretary Padhi directed to achieve the targets by end of February of current fiscal year.

Review of the fiscal performance showed that total budget expenditure up to November, 2018 has been Rs 61,876 crore which is more than 49 per cent of the allocated amount in both the main and supplementary budgets. The expenditure by November has grown by more than 22 per cent over corresponding period of last fiscal year.

The total programme expenditure in social sector by end of November of current year has grown by 46 per cent

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(with actual spending of Rs18,380 crore) over the corresponding period of 2017-18.

The total expenditure in infrastructure sector has reached Rs 9,131 crore marking a growth of around 5 per cent over the corresponding period of last fiscal. Similarly, the total expenditure in agriculture and allied sector has touched Rs 6,976 crore.

Keeping pace with the expenditure, the total revenue generation has also grown around 17 per cent by end of November 2018. The total revenue generation by November end in last fiscal year (2017-18) was around Rs 22,291 crore against which current year collection up to same period has been Rs 26,123 crore. The revenue from non-tax sources has grown by 64 per cent with a total collection of Rs 7,563 crore while the revenue from own-tax sources has grown by 5 per cent with total collection of Rs 18,560 crore.

The revenue generation

from mining royalty and industrial water cess has increased around 75 per cent and 12 per cent respectively. The total collection from mining royalty has been around Rs 6,350 crore against last years' collection of Rs 3,620 crore up to November end.

Similarly, the revenue collection from industrial water cess has grown up to Rs 408 crore against last years' collection of Rs 365 crore during the same period. The matters relating to preparation of budget for the fiscal year 2019-2020 was discussed in the meeting. Chief Secretary Padhi directed all departments to submit their requirement proposals by December 15.

It was decided that pre-budget scrutiny meeting of the proposals form programme expenditure would be done by Planning and Convergence Department. The Finance Department would take up the scrutiny of other matters.

# HITTING THE BULL'S EYE

# BJP bites dust because of arrogance and boastful talk



**BISWARAJ PATNAIK**

Only on September 9 this year, Amit Shah and his blind followers including Ravi Shankar Prasad, had arrogantly bragged in public that the BJP was so unshakable that would rule India for at least half a century. They claimed to have transformed India into one of the happiest countries where people had forgotten the spelling of 'sorrow', 'hunger' and 'bodily ailments'. Shah said the party would win the 2019 elections because of its superb performance and no one can dethrone it for the next three or so generations. All this

boastful talk was heard at the national executive meet of the party three months ago.

The saffron masterminds had never been keen to learn from grave blunders even once. They had got wild to lose Manipur and Goa. They were boastful about Bijepur in Odisha but had to bite dust like never before. Their boss began talked like an extortionist wherever he went to campaign for the party before polls. He had the daring to scream in Odisha -- "Uproot Naveen's BJD and have it tossed into thin air. Unfortunately in Odisha, they haven't had a good enough face to portray to lead them to light. Lately, they have captured a lady bureaucrat who has been fleeced to take the terrible decision of giving up job to play the extreme front-liner in the State. She has been made to believe that the next turn belongs to the BJP as Shah has made all arrangements to ensure '120 plus' seats to form a monopoly government with her as CM.

But what has just happened in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh may have killed the saffron appetite

and sleep irreparably, at least for another quarter of a year. Shah and Modi have now gone into kind of hiding to shun the media's invasive queries as to who has been wrong and why. Only smaller creatures from the party are making statements owning up all damages and complimenting the Congress victors because that's the only way of being able to show face in public. The Odisha BJP does not have any grey-matter guy to talk sense. They still keep saying that the 2019 polls would show miracles, though in timid squeaky voices. Aparajita, the latest catch, may be feeling horribly disturbed for having wrongly believed that all is hunky-dory for the Odisha saffron brigade. She could have done better in native Bihar with critical support from Nitish Kumar. She knows too well that Naveen's dignified reticence and show of warmth to even the bitterest foes have endeared him to the masses. But she has been so enormously inspired by Modi's explicit energy! She thinks Naveen has less charisma than Modi. Further, she has never been able to figure out

that Naveen's complete control over the populist political class has proven incredibly effective as the people perceive every ordinary politician as a crook. The good-hearted political class is an extinct tribe as the people believe, and rightly so.

The wildest dream of capturing 120+ seats in Odisha has been conclusively shattered never to float back in any sleep ever again. The BJP is gone only due to arrogance and indecently boastful rhetoric. The 'Chaiwala Prime Minister', who is slugging like mad, is perhaps the saddest person today. No matter what, he has given his last drop of sweat to keep the BJP afloat. But the headless motor-mouths in the fold have spoiled all his game-plans. Besides, the people of India have long since realised that it's not the 'Vajpayee-Advani' kind of BJP anymore with stalwarts like Arun Shourie, Jaswant Sinha, Yaswant Singh and Shatrughan Sinha supporting on all fronts to buy people's hearts. All the quality brains have abandoned the national party for the 'tradesman given' and talkative

chief executive wrongly tutored by hardcore market masters. Only divine miracles can restore public respect for the saffron fold engaged constantly in irritating the public by non-secular acts not forgivable ever.

As the BJP is biting dust in all its bastions, the Congress is celebrating, as is very normal. However, the Congress in Odisha has simply no reason to get euphoric. The party has degenerated since long. Present PCC chief Niranjan Patnaik, as his own insiders say, has no broadness of heart to keep the house in order. Some cash-crazy followers have chosen him to lead them, though absolutely in vain. The BJP at least looks visible and gets heard for the central leaders' scrambling and machinations. But the Congress has disintegrated into tiny camps and leagues. When they celebrated the three wins elsewhere, people of Odisha had the best laugh. Srikant Jena has been throwing biting jibes at Niranjan for having been discarded unceremoniously from an important PCC post. Both

are despised by the people of Odisha. Jena had betrayed mentor Biju Patnaik so viciously as never to be forgiven by any sane Odia. So, the battle between a self-serving political trader and a branded betrayer is feast to the eyes of the people. Once earlier, every time the central Congress party observer would come to make assessment of Niranjan as leader would go back giving a clean chit to the trader who would continue despite intense opposition by party members. When the Congress boat has developed more leaking holes than ever before, Niranjan has taken over only to remain in news as he knows pretty well that there is no chance of returning to power.

Most interestingly, the irresponsible media keeps reporting about Damodar Rout having floated a new political party, which is grossly wrong and misplaced. The truth is that he has joined hands with a defunct political body called the Samata Kranti Dal founder by yet another long-forgotten character called Braja Kishore Tripathy who had abandoned

the BJD for having fallen out with the then all-powerful Pyarimohan Mohapatra. Braja had joined the BJP temporarily imagining he had enormous mass appeal and could pocket all votes without even going around the electorate. He lost so shameful that he chose to remain in virtual hiding ever since 2009. He has just regained consciousness because old guide-cum-chum Dama has been discarded. The two have decided to make the Samata Kranti outfit a force to reckon with as Dama still believes he is a political icon and Braja does believe people are dying to have him back. Thus, Dama has only joined a junkyard party rusting at all joints and terminals only because the founder has been lost in oblivion since ages. Dama has though made one big request: Prefix the name with 'Biju' because the legendary name spells magic even today. Dama Rout has chronic problems with brainy public officials, mostly bureaucrats. He had tough time with Pyari around. He called Pyari a sophisticated clerk or something expected to

take orders, not pass any. But Pyari, the steel-minded creature that he was, made Dama run for life. Dama had even fallen on all fours before Pyari to enter the BJD and survive politically. Pyari is no more; but Dama instead of capitalising on the opportunity, fooled around with yet other capable, skilled and powerful bureaucrats to run into trouble permanently. He went berserk, spewed such venom as to be forced to eat up himself and fall flat eventually. It looks Dama is going to be out of sight forever for two big reasons -- abandoning a happy home and entering into garbage yard. Even if they rename fold as Biju Samata Kranti or whatever, the name appears too clumsy and unacceptable with the BJD flowing in the blood streams of many. No one worries about the founder Braja, whose picture has been erased since long. The media must, therefore, carry the right story saying that Dama has not floated any new party.

(The writer is a core member of Transparency International, Odisha)

# Kashipur residents present 'People's Manifesto'

Pay tributes to leader who died during rally on Human Rights Day

BADAL TAH ■ RAYAGADA

Having experienced political parties and leaders promising them to fulfil their demands and needs before elections and forgetting to execute them after polls, Kashipur indigenous people presented a comprehensive "People's Manifesto" to political parties in Bhubaneswar on the eve of the International Human Rights Day.

The manifesto containing various issues being faced by communities, including Dalits and Adivasis, was presented ahead of the upcoming Assembly elections. The excluded community members launched a 'cycle yatra' on November 15, Birsa Munda Divas. This 1,500-km cycle journey culminated on December 9 at Bhubaneswar, where village leaders and representatives presented their manifesto to the political parties in the presence of media reporters.

Unfortunately, while the



cycle yatra was proceeding smoothly under the leadership of Nabin Nayak of Jana Jagaran Manch of Kashipur, Nayak met with a fatal accident at Madhapur, Boudh on December 5. Nevertheless, the rally proceeded to Bhubaneswar.

Leaders of Odisha Adibasi Manch, Jana Jagaran Manch, People's Task Force and Samannoya along with hundreds of Adibasis and Dalits assembled at Nabin's house to pay homage to the departed soul on Human Rights Day on December 10.

Tribal leaders like Bidulata Huika, Dibakar Sabar, Satya Pratika, Dharuni Saraka, Akshey Pidisika, Anita Pidikaka, Rama Chandra Huika, Laxmi Sabar reminisced Nabin's contribution towards Adibasi and Dalit empowerment and mourned his untimely death. People's Task State president Kailash Mishra, Rajesh of the Samannoya and RS Panda from Pallisri, Therubali too expressed deep grief over his death.

"From the status of a daily labourer and vegetable vendor, Nabin got agitated at the plight of the project affected persons of the then Green Field Mining-a joint venture of Tata and Norsk Hydro- a Norwegian aluminium company at Kashipur. He was instrumental in negotiating rights of the people of Kashipur," said senior scribe Badal Tah representing Society for Fast Justice, Rayagada.

After the condolence meet, it was decided to institute a fellowship in the name of Nabin. The members assured the bereaved family members to stand firmly with them and the cause Nabin fought for.

# 'WODC has failed to rise up to expectations'

Revisit WODC Act: KJD

PNS ■ ROURKELA

The Western Odisha Development Council (WODC) constituted in 1999 has failed to meet the aspirations of people. The nominated body is often accused of being a rehabilitation centre for election losers of the ruling BJD, alleged KJD president Baidyanath Mishra.

Mishra said the Government must revisit the WODC Act and bring in reforms to change the status of the council comprising members of elected representatives.

Presiding over the State executive meeting of the party at Rourkela on December 8, Mishra said the members must seek people's mandate instead of being nominated.

Similarly, Mishra demanded that the KKB scheme which was conceived as an aftermath of the acute poverty in Kalahandi district should have its head office in Bhanwanipatna.

The KJD also demanded that the head office of the



WODC be shifted to a place in western Odisha, preferably to Rourkela.

Members reposed confidence in the team under whose guidance the Kosal Mukti Rath is rolling down from October 2 covering all districts of western Odisha. The members however opined that the pace of running the caravan has to be expeditious in view of the election which is fast approaching.

The executive body decided to hold a Press conference in Bhubaneswar on December 19. It also decided to send a five-member delegation to New Delhi and submit a fresh memorandum to Home Minister Rajnath Singh on formation of

# Child sale row in JSpur Police fail to arrest doctor due to HC bail Despite fugitive traced by cops

PNS ■ JAGATSinghpUR

Police faced an embarrassing situation on Wednesday after tracing fugitive doctor Paramananda Acharya in Gopalsagar area. When the cops asked him to come to police station for questioning, the doctor showed an interim bail granted by the Orissa High Court on December 7 restraining his arrest till January 11 next.

The doctor had been absconding from Jagatsinghpur after two newborns were recovered from his clinic. The Child Welfare Committee [CWC] had lodged an FIR in the Jagatsinghpur police station, alleging the children were kept in his clinic for sale as their parents were not present.

Later, the police had registered a case and sealed the clinic. The CWC had shifted both newborns to local Sisu Ashrama shelter home. Interestingly, the doctor was spotted residing in a relative's house in Gopalsagar on the Jagatsinghpur outskirts. So the police raided the house and nabbed the accused.

# Man beaten to death by son

PNS ■ BARGARH

A drunken youth beat his father to death over a family feud in Bargarh district.

The accused, identified as Dilip Bhoi (26), of Bijarabhata village under the Jagdalpur police limits was arrested by the police on Wednesday.

According to reports, Dilip in an inebriated state beat his father

Asharam Bhoi to death with a stick on Tuesday night at home.

Receiving information, Jagdalpur police station IIC Lalita Lakra rushed to the spot and recovered the dead body. The police detained Dilip for interrogation about the incident.

The family dispute was presumed to be reason behind killing, the IIC said.

# Man crushed to death by jumbo in Sundargarh

PNS ■ SUNDARGARH

In another incident of man-animal conflict, a 35-year-old man was trampled to death by an elephant while he was sleeping in his house at Solodega village in the Tamada forest area under Bonai sub-division in Sundargarh district late on Tuesday night.

Lusa Oram was sleeping with his wife and children when the tusker broke into the

Locals called up forest officials, who reached the spot on Wednesday morning

house at around 12.30 am. After seeing the animal, the other family members managed to escape the house. However, Lusa came in front of the tusker, which lifted him with its trunk and slammed him to the ground, killing him on the spot.

Later, locals called up forest officials, who reached the spot on Wednesday morning and began an investigation into the incident.

Forest officials said compensation would be provided to the family members of the deceased soon as per the State Government rules.

# Simulia minor girl rape case NHRC asks Baleswar SP for ATR in 4 weeks

PNS ■ BALESWAR

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has ordered the Baleswar SP to submit an action taken report (ATR) within four weeks in the alleged Simulia minor girl rape case.

The NHRC issued the order acting on a petition filed by Human Rights Watch secretary Sangita Swain on October 2, 2018. Swain mentioned that a backward caste minor girl, daughter of Budhimanta Ray of Abajuna

Panchayat under Baleswar district's Simulia block, had been raped and murdered by the local Sarpanch and goons and the Simulia police suppressed the fact without registering an FIR.

Arguing that the police inaction violates human rights, Swain urged the NHRC to take criminal action against the responsible police personnel and arrest the accused persons, besides demanding compensation of ₹ 25 lakh for the victim's family.

# Bus fares across all categories reduced

After fall in fuel price

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The State Government on Wednesday reduced the bus fares across all categories under the automatic fare revision mechanism after reduction in the diesel price. A notification issued by

the State Transport Commissioner stated that the fare for ordinary and express buses has been reduced by 2 paise per km. Besides, the fare of deluxe and AC deluxe buses has been slashed by 4 paise.

While the fare for ordinary buses will now be 68 paise per km as against 70 paise per km earlier, the fare for express buses has been slashed to 71 paise from 73 paise per km.

With the new fares coming to effect, deluxe category buses

will charge 97 paise per km as against 1.01 paise earlier and commuters travelling in AC Deluxe buses will have to pay Rs 1.19 instead of the current Rs 1.23 paise per km, the notification further mentioned.

In November, the State Government had reduced the bus fares across all categories. While the ordinary and express bus fares were slashed by 2 paise per km, deluxe and AC deluxe fares were reduced by 4 paise per km.

# INBRIEF

## GANJAM DCC HOLDS 'VIJAY UTSAV'

Brahmapur: The Ganjam District Congress Committee (DCC) celebrated 'Vijay Utsav' here on Tuesday after the party's victory in the Assembly elections in Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh. Hundreds of members took part in the celebration along with DCC president Dr Trinath Behera. Among others, DCC working president Pitabas Panda, Nagar president Pramod Jena, Bulu Panigrahi, Raj Panigrahi, Biswapati Patro, Vokali Sethi, Sivaran Patro, Niranjana Panigrahi, Narayan Nayak and S Dharma Raju Reddy were present.



## COOP SOCIETY SECY HELD TAKING BRIBE IN PURI

Balanga: Vigilance officers arrested Puri district's Dangipur Cooperative Society Secretary Sudarsan Sahoo on the charge of taking bribe of Rs 20,000 from a Data Entry Operator, Debasis Muduli on the promise of making his post permanent. A vigilance team led by DSP Akhya Mishra laid a trap and nabbed Sahoo red-handed while taking Rs 20,000 from Muduli at the society office.



## EX-CM ACHARYA DEATH ANNIV OBSERVED IN B'PUR

Brahmapur: The Binayak Acharya Memorial Trust observed the 35th death anniversary of former Chief Minister Binayak Acharya here on Tuesday. Chief guest DR RSN Patro recalled the qualities and clean image of Acharya, who has attained a special position in the political history of Odisha. Brahmapur Development Authority (BDA) Chairman and trust VP Subash Moharana, lawyers Sudhanshu Sekhar Panda, Dr Siva Prasad Mishra, Dr Sudhanshu Pati, Pitabas Panda, Sarat Sahu, Rajendra Panda and Pradip Sahu also recalled Acharya's qualities. Similarly, the Binayak Acharya Smriti Government High School here also observed the day.



## K'MAL BODY DEMANDS BRIDGE OVER SALUNKI RIVER

Phulbani: Hundreds of people under the banner of the Kandhamal People's Forum held a demonstration before the Collector here on Wednesday pressing for fulfilment of their three demands. The rally was led by forum president Radhamohan Mahapatra and secretary Sunil Pattnaik. Forum members submitted a memorandum addressed to Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik through Kandhamal Collector Dr Brunda D demanding a bridge over the Salunki river, setting a medical college in Phulbani and railway connectivity to Phulbani. The members said the bridge would help about 20,000 people for communication to hospitals and schools.



## SCHOOL STUDENTS DISTRIBUTED DRESSES

Jaipur Road: An annual dress distribution programme was held at the Chunavati Project Primary School here on Tuesday under the chairmanship of school Headmaster Ranajit Kumar Mohapatra. 'Udayabata' editor Dushmanta Kumar Rout and Sapagadia CRCC Haraprasad Satapatra attending as guests distributed two pairs of school dresses, a pair shoes and a pair of socks to each student. Assistant Teacher Laxmipriya Mohanty, Samapika Panda, Angurabala Rath, Sunita Soren, Guardians Forum president Chakara Purty and Prafulla Barik were present. Assistant Teacher Haripriya gave a vote of thanks.



## KEONJHAR THE EMIL DAV PUBLIC SCHOOL HOLDS 'ERUDITION' (PIX)

Keonjhar: The EMIL DAV Public School held its annual exhibition 'Erudition 2018' in its campus on December 7. EMIL vice-president Ranjit Mohanty inaugurated the event. About 100 students in 17 stalls participated and presented their projects with innovative ideas. The exhibition consisted of projects concerning science, math, social science, art, culture and literature. The parents, students and local people enjoyed the exhibition and inspired the students. The exhibition was followed by a prize-giving ceremony. The students also performed a cultural programme. Among others, Principal Nilakantha Rout was present.



## FIITJEE TALENT REWARD EXAM ON DEC 23

Bhubaneswar: The FIITJEE Talent Reward Exam (FTRE), a unique platform for students to know their current position at national level along with rank potential index for JEE Advanced, JEE Main, KVPY, NTSE, NSEJS and Olympiads, would be held on December 23 in more than 200 cities in India. The last date to register for the examination is December 22 with fee from Rs 200 to Rs 2,000. The examination is open for Class V to XI students. For more details students can visit www.fiitjee-ftre.com.

# Banks meet only 8% loan target in B'swar

# Action to be taken against nonperformers: DM

PNS ■ BALESWAR

A district level review committee meeting (DLRC) and district consultative committee meeting (DCC) was held recently under the chair-

educational loans was disappointing. He further observed that the Government money shouldn't be deposited in those banks whose representatives were not attending meeting and

In the meeting the review of several schemes including livelihood mission ,PMEGP, pisciculture , dairy, agriculture , horticulture ,MUDRA and NPA status of banks were discussed. PD DRDA Trilochan



manship of district Collector Ramesh Chandra Rout.

In the meeting, the performances of various banks till September end were reviewed. MP RK Jena, besides observing that the bankers are adopting dillydally approach to extend loans to the beneficiaries, said only 8 per cent achievement in fulfilling the target in case of

performing up to the desired level.

Collector Rout warned that action would be taken against those banks which didn't perform till end of this month. The bankers should either disburse the loan amount or reject the application with reasons instead of sitting over files for months together, he said.

Pradhan, AGM UCO bank SS Tripathy, AGM RBI Priyaranjan, AGM Nabard BC Dhal, LDM UCO Bank Ugrasena Das, Odisha Gramya Bank Regional Officer PC Mishra, RSTETI Director Basanti Dalei, DPM Orissa Livelihood Mission Chand Behera, besides representatives of different banks were present.

# J'suguda DHH shifting to new building delayed

Doctors shortage blamed

PNS ■ JHARSUGUDA

On December 4, 2017, the shifting of District Headquarters Hospital (DHH) was initiated from Mangal Bazaar to the new building in Balijhuri block, five km from here.

The new six-storied building with 300 beds was constructed at a cost of Rs 42.23 crore. On completion of the building, it was decided by the district administration to shift the main hospital along with the administrative offices of Health Department there.

In the first phase, shifting of CDMO and ADMO office to the new building was taken up. But opposition was received from all quarters for shifting of main hospital as no prior arrangements was done in the new building.

As no wide approach road was constructed to the new building, agitation continued to prevent the shifting of the DHH. The BJD and the Congress indulged in a blame game on the issue. Some organisations held a fast unto death stir from December 10 to 28 in front of the old DHH building at Mangal Bazaar. Even a Jharsuguda Bandh



was held by different organisations on December 20, 2017 against the shifting to Balijhuri.

During inauguration of the new building on January 4, 2018 by Health and Family Welfare Minister Pratap Jena, an unpleasant situation was triggered due to the hot exchange of words between the Congress and BJD activists.

However, the agitation was called off after a notification was issued with by the State Government to run an Urban Health Centre in the old building. At present, all administrative offices of Health

Department have started functioning in the new building along with an Out Patient Department (OPD). The Dialysis Centre has started functioning. But due to the shortage of doctors health-care services are hampered.

When contacted, DHH CDMO Manas Samantray said the district is facing acute shortage of doctors which would be taken care of with joining of eight to nine doctors by December 15. The problem would be sorted out soon and shifting of main hospital would be done.

# Sainik School's 57th athletic meet ends

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The Sainik School Bhubaneswar's 57th annual athletic meet held at its campus concluded on Wednesday which former Indian Armed Forces Major General SD Mohanty attended as chief guest.

Mohanty urged the cadets to grow physically and mentally by participating in sports activities along with academic growth and join the armed forces in large numbers.

In the meeting, cadet Ravi Kumar was awarded as the champion athlete for second time among seniors while cadet Subhakanta Mohanty was the junior champion. The Cauvery House received the



shield as the winners, followed by Baitarni House as runners up among seniors.

Among juniors, Mahanadi House stood first and Godavari House was runners

up. In the relay race of 4x100 meters, the cadets of Sainik School were the winners and team of BJEM School was second and ODM Public School stood third.

# Many AAP leaders, workers join BJD

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Am Aadmi Party State general secretary Nandalal Singh, spokesperson Bharadwaj Mishra, youth president Subrat Chhatoia, student president Jyoti Ranjan Mohanty and Balangir district coordinator Ajay Das along with about 200 party workers joined the BJD here on Wednesday.

BJD supremo and Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik welcoming the leaders to the party said their joining would enhance the strength of the BJD further. He called upon the new comers to work to ensure that good governance reaches people.

Mishra said about 70,000



AAP workers at the grassroots level would work for the BJD during the 2019 elections and help Naveen Patnaik to become the Chief Minister for the fifth time.

Among others, Minister Surjya Narayan Patrao and Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) Mayor Ananta Narayan Jena were present.

# KLF CORNER

# Where literary youth icons meet legends

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The Kalinga Literary Festival (KLF) on Wednesday launched the KLF Corner here in collaboration with famous Oxford Bookstore at the Pal Heights, Jayadev Vihar to engage with the literary community and the youths.

In the inaugural edition, literary youth icon Kedar Mishra joined the conversation with living literary legend Jayanta Mahapatra.

Founder Rashmi Ranjan Parida strongly believes that there is an urgent need to engage the youth icons with the legends in the literary world.

He has plans to invite all living legends of Odia literature



and have conversations on their own writings, comparative insights, discussions on books and authors those who have won the national and global prizes. Programme coordinator

Debasish Samantaray feels that there is no better opportunity than this to listen to these great voices and meet them in person and get their autographs and selfies.

# NHRCI observes Human Rights Day



PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

The National Human Rights Committee of India (NHRCI), Odisha State unit observed the International Human Rights Day under chairmanship of its chairman Diptimayee Kar here on Monday.

Former DGP Sanjeev Marik and NHRCI State unit

chief advisor Subhranshu Bhusan Sarangi and legal advisor Kabiraj Sahoo attended as guests. In the meeting, discussions were held on fundamental rights of every human being among the guests and participants. Later, the human rights activists took oath to fight for the rights of common people who are being tortured in the society.

# BJYM activists hold hartal at EE, SDO offices

## Demand jobs for youths, stopping of 'PC'

PNS ■ BHUBANESWAR

Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) activists continued to stage hartal at Executive Engineer and SDO offices across the State for third day on Wednesday, demanding jobs for unemployed youths and stopping of PC (percentage) taking practice.

"The State Government has been promoting corruption and PC taking practices. Failing

to get jobs, Odisha youths are going outside to earn living. Public works worth up to Rs 5 lakh are being distributed among BJD workers without tenders. Ruling party MLAs are distributing tenders to own people though Ama Gaon Ama Bikash programme," alleged BJYM State president Tankadhar Tripathy.

The hartal began on December 10 would continue till December 20. The hartal



has been staged in districts like Sundargarh, Boudh, Jagatsinghpur and Koraput so far.

He said 'Rojgar Paramarsha Padyatra' would be held in all 147 Assembly constituencies on the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee on December 25.

# Punjab CM lashes at Parkash Badal

Amarinder Singh said it was not him but the Akali veteran who was trying to sabotage interests of Sikh community, and Punjab, with his 'injudicious' statement

PNS ■ CHANDIGARH

Lashing out at the former Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal over his "atrocious" accusations, Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh on Wednesday said it was not him but the Akali veteran who was trying to sabotage the interests of the Sikh community, and Punjab, with his "injudicious" statement.

Reacting to Badal's allegation that Amarinder was trying

to sabotage the Kartarpur Corridor, Chief Minister said that Akali leader's statement was in line with his approach of exploiting religious issues to further his political interests.

"The former Chief Minister is once again trying to mislead the people of Punjab with his baseless allegations. It is the Congress leadership, from Indira Gandhi to Dr Manmohan Singh, that had always striven for the opening of the Kartarpur corridor, and I myself have been raising the

issue with Pakistan as well as the Central Government on various occasions," the Chief Minister pointed out.

As a Sikh, he himself had always aspired for the opening of the historic corridor with the Kartarpur Sahib Gurdwara, with which his own family had historic ties. Amarinder said, adding "it is idiotic, in the circumstances, to suggest that I could try to block the corridor and sabotage the fulfilment of the aspirations of the Sikh community".

# 81ST HOLY APPEARANCE DAY Guru Damodar Swami, eminent Krishna preacher

RADHAKANTA DAS

His Holiness Bhaktiswarup Damodar Swami Srila Guru Maharaj of Iskcon is a scientist, spiritualist, philosopher and Krishna consciousness preacher. Gurudev Sripad Maharaj was born on Lord Jagannath's "Odhani Sasthi Tithi" on Thursday in the year 1937 in the Touble village of Bishnupur district close to Imphal, capital of Manipur. He belongs to a pure traditional Baishnab family. His childhood name was Todam Damodar Singh. He came with thousands of problems since his childhood.

His father died when he was five years old. His elder sister Anhabhi Devi got married and he became isolated. He was affected with epidemic when he was 14 years old. However, due to mercy of Lord Krishna, he narrowly escaped.

His primary teacher Todam Karen Singh took care of him and imparted him education. With his effort he always stood first in the class throughout his academic career. He became Master in Chemical Engineering with first class distinction in the year of 1964.

Then he joined as Assistant Director in Industries Department of Manipur with due selection by the UPSC. In the meanwhile, he was selected by Government of India for over-seas scholarship and joined at California University for PhD degree. He completed PhD in organic Chemistry in 1976. He joined in the mission of Iskcon during the year of 1970.

Srila Prabhupad, founder of Iskcon initiated him on June 13, 1971 at Los Angeles, New Dwarika Iskcon Temple (United State of America) and



he became identified as "Swarup Damodar". He was personal secretary of Srila Prabhupad from 1970-77. Srila Prabhupad imparted him higher education about deeper relation of Krishna consciousness with science and philosophy. He became director of Bhaktivedanta Institute, Iskcon in 1974. He took Sannyas during the year 1979.

He organised four international conferences on science and religion and preached Krishna consciousness philosophy throughout the world in the medium of science and research. He established "Youth Forum" organization of Iskcon. He set up the Bhaktivedanta Institute at Manipur where a number of students not only from India but also from various parts of the world as a whole were educated about Krishna consciousness, philosophy and religion. He established Ranga Niketan, cultur-

al unit at Manipur. All devotees praised his nice Kirtan. He published many books relating to science, philosophy, religion and Krishna consciousness.

He became the GBC of Iskcon, Bhubaneswar temple during the year 1996 after the departure of our beloved Gurudev Sri Srimad Gour Govinda Goswami Guru Maharaj.

He came to Bhubaneswar temple 3-4 times in a year for preaching of Krishna consciousness. He laid the foundation stone of Iskcon Gundicha Mandir, Bhubaneswar. He also laid the foundation stone of Berhampur, Bahanaga, Kamakshya Nagar, Iskcon centers and Bhaktivedanta Institute at Burla, Sambalpur. He passed away in Calcutta on October 2, 2006.

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# Sidhu reaches out to Amarinder, resolves differences

MONIKA MALIK ■ CHANDIGARH

If Pakistan was yet another cause of discord between Punjab Chief Minister Capt Amarinder Singh and his Minister Navjot Singh Sidhu, the cricketer-turned-politician, on Wednesday made attempts to iron out differences by bringing a gift for the Chief Minister from across the border.

But the gift, a "stuffed" Partridge, apparently did not work as Amarinder did not accept it citing the necessity of permission from the wildlife department first.

After controversies over Sidhu's "captain" remark and his Pakistan visit, the two senior Congress leaders held a "cordial" meeting for about half-an-hour "to discuss the matters of mutual interest".

Downplaying the "differences" between him and his Chief Minister, Sidhu said there were "many things we talked about which I cannot share with you all".

Regarding his "captain" remarks, Sidhu said his statement had been "blown out of proportion".

He said everything from his Pakistan visit for Kartarpur ground-breaking ceremony and subsequent remark about Amarinder was "unnecessarily raked up...A mountain was made out of a mole hill. I have nothing more to say".

Sidhu had stirred the hornet's nest during an interaction with the media in Hyderabad while he was campaigning for the party when asked about going to Pakistan to attend the groundbreaking ceremony for the Kartarpur corridor despite Chief Minister's disapproval.

"Rahul Gandhi is my captain. It is he who sent me to Pakistan. Rahul Gandhi is the captain of the captain (Amarinder Singh) also," he had said. A day after, at least five Punjab Ministers lashed out at Sidhu asking him to resign from the State Cabinet on moral grounds.

Earlier, Sidhu had chosen to go to Pakistan, at the invitation of Pakistan Prime Minister and former fellow cricketer Imran Khan, while Punjab CM had declined the invite saying that the Pakistan Army was killing Indian sol-

diers and conspiring to revive terrorism in Punjab.

Sidhu, after his meeting, said, "I am a disciplined soldier of the party...and I have got a lot of love and affection from the Congress president and Amarinder Singh."

Reliable sources informed *The Pioneer* that the party high command has asked Sidhu, who was in the national Capital a day before, to cautiously use his words, especially for his Chief Minister, and iron out his differences with him.

In the wake of Congress' winning performance in the recently concluded Assembly elections of five States, result for which was announced on Tuesday, party high command wanted Sidhu to mend fences with Amarinder, if any. For, it is believed that Sidhu is set to get a larger role in 2019 Lok Sabha polls considering his performance as party's star campaigner in these elections.

Chief Minister had already described Sidhu as a "likeable person", while clarifying that they were not at loggerheads as reported by the media. "I have absolutely no problems with



Sidhu while running the Government. Sidhu always spoke in a forthright manner and his only problem is that sometimes he shoots before he thinks," he had stated.

On "captain" remark, Capt Amarinder had rebuffed it saying that it was hardly any issue to be raised "as Sidhu had always treated me as a father-

ly figure". Reaching Chandigarh from New Delhi in the afternoon, Sidhu headed straight to meet Capt Amarinder at his official residence where the latter is recuperating after illness.

Official spokesperson said Sidhu enquired after the health of the Chief Minister and wished him speedy recovery.

# Chilika visitors now to pay new fares

## Guidelines issues for picnickers

PNS ■ PURI

This winter tourists visiting the Chilika lake would have to pay new fares towards boating as pegged by the district administration.

Following repeated complaints of harassment from the boaters in the lake, the district administration issued fresh guidelines, including the revised fares for tourists, to pay Rs 800 and Rs 1,700 to visit dolphin centre and dolphins with sea mouth respectively.

Chairing a meeting of all stakeholders including police, Tourism, Wildlife Sanctuary and other line departments, besides the tour-operators and motorboat associations,

Collector Jyoti Prakash Das reviewed the preparations and issued the fresh guideline. Among others,

SP Dr Sarthak Sarangi, DFO Balukhanda Wildlife Sanctuary Harsha Bardhan Udgata, ADM Binay Kumar Dash, Executive officer (EO), Puri Municipality Srikanth Tarei and Assistant Director (AE) Tourism Bijay Kumar Jena were present.

As per the decisions, boaters taking the tourists to Chilka from seven jetty points would strictly follow the rates by ensuring no harassment and safety. Under close monitoring of police, the boaters would strictly follow the safety norms. Besides, boat associations were instructed to pay heed on safety of dolphins during a voyage. The sailors would ensure accident-free boating so that no harm is meted out to aquatics. This would be guided by the

forest officials.

Similarly, in other tourist destinations of district, decisions were taken to upgrade the sanitation, cleanliness and drinking water facilities at 'Pir Jahaniya' in Astaranga, Chandrabhaga and Ramachandi beaches, besides the Puri seashore. Besides, tourists during their picnics in the sanctuary would also take more care and caution towards animals and birds so that they don't feel threatened. Use of plastics and polythene packets has been restricted prohibited for tourists in all tourist places.

A decision was taken to deploy lifeguards in those beaches to look after tourists during their sea baths. To ensure the amenities to visitors, a team led by DFO Udgata and AD Tourism Jena was directed by the Collector to visit those places soon and submit a report.

# Uttarakhand to host national junior skiing competition at Auli

## Snowmaking machine starts operation at ski slope

PNS ■ DEHRADUN

In order to encourage winter tourism in Uttarakhand, the State Government has started necessary preparations to start skiing course and host national junior skiing competition at Auli near Joshimath. The national-level competition is slated to be held in February next year. After necessary repairs, the operation of the snowmaking machine has been started.

In addition to this, the Garhwal Mandal Vikas Nigam

(GMVN) is also publicising various ski packages through its website and the social media. The State's Tourism secretary Dilip Jawalkar informed that a maintenance contract for the snowmaking machine at Auli has been proposed. Engineers from a French company are slated to arrive in India on December 17 to sign the said contract.

He further informed that approval has also been received for hosting the national level junior skiing competition. This competition is proposed to be held in the first week of February next year. Attempts are also being made to secure approval for hosting the south Asian skiing competition in Auli next year.

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# Let CISF security man VIPs: House panel

ASKS CENTRE TO RELIEVE BORDER GUARDING PARAMILITARY FORCES FROM THE DUTY

RAKESH K SINGH ■ NEW DELHI

Parliamentary panel has advised the Centre to expeditiously hand over VIP security duties to the Special Security Group (SSG) of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) and relieve border guarding paramilitary forces like ITBP and BSF as also CRPF of personal protection roles.

"The committee takes note of the (Home) Ministry's plan to progressively assign security of all VIP protectees, apart

from high risk protectees, to the SSG. The committee recommends that the ministry should implement this plan at the earliest and put an end to the issue of multiple forces being assigned the task of VIP security," the panel noted in its report tabled before the Parliament on Wednesday.

The CRPF provides security cover to 76 VIPs including BJP president Amit Shah and former Bihar CM Lalu Prasad Yadav. ITBP protects 18 high profile persons including judges of the Supreme Court and politicians from Jammu and Kashmir. The ITBP that is the border guarding force for Indo-China frontier has been engaged in VVIP security deployment since early nineties. The National Security Guard (NSG) protects 15 VIPs,

including Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh.

The counter-terror force NSG has urged the Home Ministry to relieve it from VIP security duties. VIP protection assignments often hit the core operational roles of the paramilitary forces. It also affects their reserve component of the forces leading to the lack of leave to the jawans. The CRPF has deployed as many as six battalions (6,000 personnel) of CRPF are engaged in VIP security duty which adversely affects the reserve factor of the force. Under reserve category, the personnel are engaged in training and such postings are given after hard postings.

Personal protection of the VIPs is provided in four categories that include Z-plus (38 guards), Z (24 guards), Y (11

guards) and X (2 guards). VIP security entails an annual expenditure of Rs 390 crore, officials said.

Following the Kargil misadventure, a Group of Ministers had in 2002 recommended the designation of CISF for VIP security duties and also advised that one force will guard one border but that has also been tinkered with and the border guarding paramilitary forces are engaged in anti-Naxal deployments and counter insurgency roles.

The home ministry provides security cover on the basis of threat assessment to some individuals on the basis of inputs of the Intelligence Bureau. The assessment is subject to periodic review based on which it is continued/withdrawn/downgraded/upgraded.

The Parliamentary committee on Home Affairs also expressed disappointment over "difficulties" being faced by CRPF jawans fighting Naxals in Chhattisgarh in getting their daily meals and some paramilitary personnel living in "sub-human conditions" in different parts of the country.

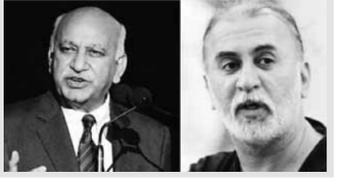
"They (CRPF personnel) have to depend on local 'haats' and contractors for supply of raw material for their food. The committee recommends that a foolproof mechanism should be developed for ensuring regular supply of nutritious food, including dishes/raw materials of different cuisines to all CRPF camps particularly those which have no access or difficult access to local market like Bastar in Chhattisgarh," the panel added.

# Akbar, Tejpal suspended from Editors Guild

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Editors Guild of India on Wednesday suspended the memberships of former Union minister MJ Akbar and ex-Tehelka editor-in-chief Tarun Tejpal over allegations of sexual misconduct.

The Guild had sought the views of its Executive Committee (EC) on what action should be taken against Akbar, a dormant member at present and one of its past presidents, Tejpal and senior journalist Gautam Adhikari "in light of sexual misconduct allegations levelled against them",



a statement said.

A majority of the EC members suggested that Akbar and Tejpal's memberships be suspended. Office-bearers of the Guild discussed the EC's comments and concurred with the view that Akbar and Tejpal should be suspended from the Guild, it said.

The Guild decided it would seek Adhikari's response before deciding on his membership.

# SC asks forensic auditors to examine trail of homebuyers' ₹3K cr diverted by Amrapali

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday asked forensic auditors to examine the trail of around ₹3,000 crore, the homebuyers' money allegedly spent by the Amrapali Group on buying shares of its sister companies and asset creation.

Amrapali Group CMD Anil Sharma, directors Shiv Priya and Ajay Kumar returned to the court a total amount of ₹1.55 crore of home buyers money "lying" with them.

The top court grilled several accountants of the group as to how they have prepared the accounts statements which were submitted in the court and on what basis they created the accounts this year for financial years 2015-16, 2016-2017 and 2017-2018.

It directed the forensic auditors to ascertain the numbers of flats which were 'benami' property, doubly booked or booked on a nominal value by Amrapali Group.

A bench of Justices Arun Mishra and U U Lalit directed Debt Recovery Tribunal, Delhi to conduct the valuation of Amrapali's five-star hotel Tech Park in Greater Noida and sell it by January end.

It also questioned Sharma about the sub-leases granted to the family members of Amrapali directors and where the Rs 3,000 crore of home-buyers' money has gone.

The bench after failing to get a satisfactory reply asked the two forensic auditors Pawan Kumar Aggarwal and Ravi Bhatia to examine the trail of around ₹3000 crore.

"More than ₹2,990 crores were taken out from nine companies of Amrapali Group in the name of assets creation and purchase of shares of sister companies. You should examine the trail of the money as to how and where did it go, and the assets created by the fund", the bench told the forensic auditors.

The court asked the company to file the details of the assets it created with ₹2,990 crore and the board resolutions which allowed ₹1,100 crore to be spent for purchasing share capital.

It directed the forensic auditors to also examine whether any siphoning of funds was done by granting sub-leases or any favours were doled out in such transactions.

The top court noted that pursuant to its last order in which one last window was given to the directors and other officials of the company to return home buyers money, Sharma and two directors Shiv Priya and Ajay Kumar returned ₹1.25 crore, Rs 20 lakh and ₹10 lakh respectively.

The court sought an affidavit from Sharma and the two directors to declare that they do not have any more money of home buyers lying with them.

# India to hike public health spending to 2.5% of GDP: PM

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

By 2025, India's public health spending will be 2.5 per cent of the gross domestic product (GDP), up from the present 1.15 per cent with women, children and the youth at the heart of every policy, programme and initiative of the Government.

Stating this at the 2018 Partners' Forum here, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said high out-of-pocket expenditure incurred by families to avail medical care in India worried his Government and to address the issue, it launched the Ayushman Bharat Yojana, which has a two-fold strategy.

The Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana provides cashless health insurance cover up to ₹5 lakh per family per year, covering 500 million poor citizens.

"This number is almost equal to the population of Canada, Mexico and the US taken together. We have already provided free treatment worth ₹700 crore to 5 lakh families under this scheme within 10 weeks of its launch," Modi said.

The other arm of Ayushman Bharat, Modi said, is the provision of providing comprehensive primary care at a facility near the community, for which the Centre will start 1.5 lakh health and wellness centres by 2022.

The community will also be able to receive free screening and care for common dis-



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Health Minister JP Nadda and global representatives releases a coffee-table book during the inauguration of the 4th Partners' Forum 2018, a global meet on infant and maternal health in New Delhi on Wednesday

eases including hyper-tension, diabetes and three common cancers — of breast, cervix and oral. The patients will receive free medicines and diagnostic support close to their homes, he said.

At the event, Modi said the government is set to increase its spending on public health to 2.5 per cent of the GDP.

"This will mean an actual increase of 345 per cent over the current share, in just eight years. We will continue to work for the betterment of people. Women, children and youth will continue to remain at the heart of every policy, programme or initiative," he said.

Modi informed that India's immunization programme, "Mission Indradhanush", will be featured as a success story, among 12 others from all over the world, in the two-day forum.

Under the "Mission Indradhanush", he said the government reached 32.8 million children and 8.4 million pregnant women over the last three years while the number of vaccines has been increased from 7 to 12.

He said India's story was one of "hope. Hope that roadblocks can be overcome. Hope that behavioural change can be ensured. Hope that rapid

progress can be achieved".

The PM said that India was one of the first countries, to advocate focused attention on adolescence and implement an extensive health promotion and prevention programme for adolescents.

Modi said when his government assumed office in 2014, "India was losing more than 44,000 mothers". The Centre then launched the "Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan", as part of which doctors pledged one day of service per month to this campaign and 16 million antenatal care check-ups were performed.

Modi said that to deal with the issue of malnutrition among children, the government has launched "POSHAN Abhiyan" and is also implementing "Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram", which has provided 800 million health screening check-ups and free referral treatment to 20 million children in the last four years. He also talked about small deposit savings scheme for girls called 'Sukanya Samridhi Yojana' and the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana which is expected to benefit more than 50 million pregnant women and lactating mothers.

# Opp stalls both Houses, Parliament adjourned

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Parliament on Wednesday was adjourned without transacting much business after the Opposition stalled proceedings in both the Houses on a variety of issues including Rafale jet deal, Ram temple and Cauvery river water. However, the Rajya Sabha managed to pass the National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities (Amendment) Bill amidst the din.

It was the second consecutive day when Parliament was adjourned after the winter session commenced on Tuesday. On the first day, both Houses were adjourned after paying homage to former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and union minister Ananth Kumar.

On Wednesday, the Lok Sabha was adjourned for the day just after noon following protests by opposition members on various issues including the Rafale deal, construction of Ram Temple and Cauvery river water.

Immediately after the House was reconvened at noon, Congress, Shiv Sena, TDP and AIADMK members trooped into the well with placards and started shouting slogans in support of their demands.

Similar scenes were earlier witnessed when Question Hour began after obituary references to former MPs.

Congress members were demanding a probe by a Joint Parliamentary Committee into the alleged corruption in the Rafale aircraft deal while Shiv Sena MPs staged protests demanding immediate construction of the Ram temple in

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of urgent importance. Though he had not allowed the issues to be raised under Rule 267 (suspension of business to take up a matter), all issues would be taken up for discussion, Naidu assured members.

As the two parties continued to protest, Naidu said only on Tuesday people in some states have shown their "confidence in democracy" and asked members to respect sentiments of the people.

Protests continued when the House met again at 2.00 PM. Amid noisy scenes, The National Trust for Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities (Amendment) Bill, 2018 was passed. The proposed amendments entail fixing the term of the Chairperson of the National Trust for Welfare of Persons with Autism and other Disabilities.

Moving the bill for consideration and passage, Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Thaaawarchand Gehlot said a Chairperson could not be appointed even after several attempts since 2012 as a suitable candidate meeting the stringent selection criteria could not be found. Gehlot said the amendments will ease the procedure related to appointment of a Chairperson.

"Opposition parties, including Trinamool, keen to discuss all issues in #Parliament We want Parliament to run and hold this Govt accountable. However, BJP fielding its ally' from TamilNadu to disrupt proceedings," tweeted Derek O'Brien, Trinamool Congress' Parliamentary Party leader in the Rajya Sabha with a hashtag 'MatchFixing' peeved over the adjournments.

# SC extends time for filing claims for inclusion in NRC

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday extended to December 31 the deadline for filing claims and objections for inclusion of names in the National Register of Citizens for Assam by those who have been left out in the draft NRC.

The draft NRC was published on July 30 in which names of 2.89 crore of the 3.29 crore people were included. The names of 40,70,707 people did not figure in the list. Of these, 37,59,630 names have been rejected and the remaining 2,48,077 are on hold.

A special bench comprising Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justice R F Nariman considered the plea of Assam government that the deadline of December 15, fixed for filing claims and objections by those left out in the draft NRC, be extended by till January 15 next year.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for Assam government, said that out of 40.70 lakh left out persons, so far 14.28 lakh persons have filed the claims and objections with the authorities for inclusion in the NRC.

There has been surge in such applications in last few weeks and hence, the deadline be extended by one more month, he said.

The apex court, however, said that it would extend the deadline by another 15 days and now the left out persons can file their claims and objections till December 31.

# POLL RESULTS It's victory against BJP's negative politics: Sonia

PIONEER NEWS SERVICE ■ NEW DELHI

Buoyed by the electoral gains of the party, UPA Chairperson Sonia Gandhi on Wednesday termed the Congress's win in three Hindi heartland States ruled by the BJP as a victory against the ruling party's negative politics.

"I am happy with 3-0 score line... It is a victory against BJP's negative politics," Sonia said talking to reporters outside Parliament after results to five state elections were declared.

This was her first reaction over the poll success and in overall also the first reaction to election results after she handed over the party reins to her son Rahul Gandhi last year. She had served as the longest serving chief of the grand old party for almost two decades and during the tenure she anchored two successive Congress UPA governments.

The Congress was edged out of Mizoram and didn't make an impact in Telangana despite a grand alliance with Chandrababu Naidu's TDP and other parties. But in the three politically-crucial BJP states, the Congress is set to form a government.

The Congress was a clear winner in Chhattisgarh state, and fell one seat short of a majority in Rajasthan and two in Madhya Pradesh. Both Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh had been ruled by the BJP for 15 years.



# Haryana, Punjab DGPs to continue in office till Jan 31: Apex court

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court Wednesday allowed the Director Generals of Police (DGPs) of Punjab and Haryana to continue in office till January 31.

The police chiefs -- Suresh Arora (Punjab) and B S Sandhu (Haryana) -- were due to retire on December 31.

The Punjab and Haryana governments moved the apex court recently, seeking modification of its earlier order directing the states to mandatorily take the assistance of the UPSC in shortlisting the names for appointing DGP.

The states had said they have enacted separate laws for the selection and appointment of police chiefs.

A bench headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi said it will hear their pleas seeking modification of the January 8 order and allowed the current DGPs to continue in office till January 31.

The top court had on July 3 this year passed a slew of directions on police reforms in the country and chronicled the steps for appointment of regular DGPs.

It had said the states will have to send a list of senior police officers to the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) at least three months prior to the retirement of the incumbent.

The commission will then prepare a panel and inform the states, which in turn will immediately appoint one of the persons from that list, the apex court had said.

# 15 breeds of livestock registered for better conservation of genes

RAJESH KUMAR ■ NEW DELHI

As many as 15 new breeds of livestock and poultry have been registered in country with six of them of goat, three of buffalo, two of cattle and a donkey giving them national recognition and paving way for their better conservation and preservation of their genes.

The breeds which have been registered are two cattle breeds - Ladakhi (Jammu and Kashmir) and Konkani Kapila (Maharashtra and Goa); three buffalo breeds - Luit (Assam and Manipur), Bargur (Tamil Nadu), Chhattisgarhi (Chhattisgarh); one sheep breed - Panchali (Gujarat); six goat breeds - Kahmi (Gujarat), Rohilkhandi (UP), Assam Hill (Assam & Meghalaya), Bidri (Karnataka), Nandidurga (Karnataka), Bhakarwali (Jammu and Kashmir); one pig breed - Ghurrah (UP); one donkey breed - Halari (Gujarat) and one chicken breed - Uttara (Uttarakhand).

According to Ministry of Agriculture, the National Bureau of Animal Genetic Resources (NBAGR) has approved registration of record 15 new breeds of livestock and poultry this year alone taking the total to 40 during 2014-18. The NBAGR, the nodal agency of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), for registration of new breeds has recognized 55 breeds since 2010. Between 2010 and 2014, only 15 breeds were given national recognition.

Names of these breeds are derived either from the origin of their tract or due to their distinct features. Officials said that both the Halari donkey and Panchali sheep are named because their origins are traced in Halar region (Jamnagar district) and Panchal region

(Surenranagar) of Saurashtra. Kahmi is local name of the two-coloured goat.

Interestingly, Halari breed is the second donkey breed to be recognised in the country after Spiti - the donkey breed which is indigenous to Spiti valley region of Himachal Pradesh. Luit are found in some areas of Mizoram, Manipur and Nagaland bordering Assam. Luit is a medium sized black coloured buffalo with compact body and strong built up. Forehead is broad with conical face and wide muzzle.

Kahmi goat is native to Saurashtra region of Gujarat. Its Coat color is unique - neck and face are reddish brown while rear abdominal part is black, locally called Kahmi. Ears are long, tubular & coiled, locally called vudli. Wattles are present in majority of goat. These goats are used both for meat & milk.

According to Union Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh, these native breeds are renowned for heat tolerance, disease resistance and thriving on low input system. "The process of identification of animal breeds and their documentation is not only important in providing value to the indigenous animal breeds and introducing various development programs of the government for their improvement but also plays a special role in preserving the biodiversity of the country," Singh said.

Rajasthan has 26 registered indigenous breeds and is the top in the list, followed by Gujarat having 19 registered indigenous breeds and poultry.

India has about 15 percent of total cattle, 57 percent of total buffalo, 17 percent of goat, 7 percent of sheep and 4.5 percent of chicken of the world.

# INSHORT

**CBI BOOKS FORMER HEAD OTHERS OF SAINIK SCHOOL**  
New Delhi: The CBI has booked the then principal Col Naban Roy, vice principal Sanjay Kumar and administrative officer Lt Col Shishir Kumar along with teachers Dhananjay Kumar and Manoranjan Pathak besides officer superintendent VK Trivedi of prestigious Sainik School, Tilaiya for alleged leak of All India Sainik School Examination 2018 question papers.

**SC ASKS JUDGE WHETHER HE SHARED REPORT**  
New Delhi: The Supreme Court Wednesday asked former apex court judge JS Bedi, who chaired a committee monitoring the probe into the Gujarat fake encounter cases, whether he had shared his final report with other members of the panel.

**CHARGESHEET READY: CBI INFORMS APEX COURT**  
New Delhi: The CBI Wednesday informed the Supreme Court that chargesheet in the Muzaffarpur shelter home sexual abuse case was ready but the agency was discussing whether to file a consolidated final report or have a separate one on each victim.

**SPORTS BIGGEST GIFT TO SOCIETY: HRD MIN**  
New Delhi: Sports and art are one of the biggest contributions of human beings to society and nurturing students in these areas right from the beginning should be the focus of schools, Union HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar said Wednesday while addressing the gathering at the inaugural session of "Kala Utsav" at Bal Bhavan here.

**DEFENCE MIN TO MEET RUSSIAN COUNTERPART**  
New Delhi: Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will meet her Russian counterpart Sergei Shoigu on Thursday during which they will discuss ways to strengthen defence ties between the two nations, officials said.

**SC COMMUTES DEATH PENALTY TO LIFE TERM**  
New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Wednesday commuted to life imprisonment the death penalty awarded to a man for hacking to death six members of a family in Kerala in 2001.

**INDIGO MOVES SC, CHALLENGES HC VERDICT**  
New Delhi: Indigo airlines on Wednesday moved the Supreme Court challenging the Meghalaya High Court direction to all commercial operators and the Ministry of Civil Aviation to urgently take a decision to start flights from Umroi airport, 30 km from capital Shillong.

**MISSING/KIDNAPED**

General public is hereby informed that one girl, **Namely: Chandni, D/o: Shrawan Kumar, R/o: D-3, Gali No. 20, G-Block, Kunwar Singh Nagar, Nihal Vihar, Delhi** has been missing/ kidnaped since 19.11.2018 from the area of P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi. In this regard, a **Case Vides FIR No. 747/18 U/S 363 IPC Dated 20.11.2018, has been lodged at P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi.** Investigations has been carried out but despite best efforts, the girl could not be traced. The description of the missing/kidnaped girl is as under:  
**Name: Chandni, D/o: Shrawan Kumar, R/o: D-3, Gali No. 20, G-Block, Kunwar Singh Nagar, Nihal Vihar, Delhi, Age: 16 years, Height: 5' Feet, Face: Round, Complexion: Fair, Wearing: Pink Top, Black Jeans Pant and Black Shoes in feet.** If anyone has any information about the missing/kidnaped girl, then please inform P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi.  
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Chandni

**CONG WINS 3 STATES**

**Boost for Cong-JD(S) in K'nataka**

**KESTUR VASUKI ■ BENGALURU**  
**BJP has been trying to finish off all Opposition parties through dubious means. Now, the people have shown them the door and restored democracy in all these States**  
—HD Kumaraswamy

The coalition Government of the JD(S) and Congress in Karnataka which was always on the threat of being poached by the BJP through operation Lotus is rejoicing after the saffron defeat in the Hindi heartland. The Congress victories in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh have given the coalition Government in Karnataka a shot in the arm to take on the BJP in the 2019 elections.  
The Kumaraswamy Government which came into existence was a master initiative by the Congress to stitch a Mahagathbandhan to take on the Modi - Shah Combine in the ensuing general elections sometime in 2019 and the congress victory has given more teeth to this initiative of Opposition unity with minor and local parties like that of JDs.  
The JD(S)- Congress combine which notched up an emphatic victory in the recent bypolls in Karnataka and the route of saffron party in the

democracy in all these States." Former Chief Minister and chairman of the coordination committee Siddaramaiah tweeted "A wind of change is sweeping across the country. Kites of false campaign are falling down. This is not a time to boast about victory. We need to become ideologically stronger and fight till the end."  
However a senior Congress leader on the condition of anonymity said "with the resounding victory why should we piggyback on the JD(S)." Karnataka is the only State in South India where BJP scored well in 2014 by winning 17 of the 28 seats. Now, as the Congress-JD(S) looks to regain ground, BJP may find it tough to retain its seats. The victory is also an eye opener for the BJP which is planning to get more number of seats and also planning to topple the JD(S)- Congress Government in the State through poaching which is called operation Kamala(Lotus). A senior BJP leader said there should be an introspection at the national level and

**Cong sees victory coming in Bengal**



West Bengal Congress president Somen Mitra waves during a rally in Kolkata on Wednesday

**SAUGAR SENGUPTA ■ KOLKATA**  
Buoyed by heartland victory in Bengal Pradesh Congress — otherwise a divided house — on Wednesday projected a united face and floated a comeback dream before an impressive rally in Kolkata.  
The Pradesh Congress leaders led by PCC president Somen Mitra, his predecessor Adhir Chowdhury, State Opposition Leader Abdul Mannan — all leaders pulling at different directions — told a rally that "the victories in the Hindi heartland has once again proved that Congress is the name of a 'way of life' and cannot be obliterated from people's heart."  
Those who feel that the party is dead and gone "must take a lesson from the Assembly election results in the three heartland States. We will definitely come back in Bengal one day," Gaurav Gogoi the Congress' observer for the State said adding the party would soon hit the streets with its various programmes and visit door to door with its policy proposals.

Mitra, a septuagenarian veteran who had joined the Trinamool Congress to become its MP in 2009 before returning to the parent organisation said "the election results of Tuesday has shown that Congress' acche din is back," adding "low tide should not be mistaken for a dry river. Congress has not dried up and will soon witness tidal waves in Bengal."  
Calling upon workers and leaders who had left the party to join the Trinamool Congress and more so the BJP, to return to the party fold the PCC chief said, "we are waiting for your ghar wapsi. You must return to strengthen your parent party from where you had one day started your political career and restore it to its former glory. The days are not far when the Congress too will come back to power in Bengal."  
The Congress will however not demand a BJP-less Bengal he added. "We don't want a BJP-less Bengal as they had envisioned (a Congress-mukt Bharat). In our political schemes plurality will be the buzz word as it had always been," he added.

**केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग ई-टेंडरर्स आमंत्रण सूचना**

भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से कार्यपालक अभियंता, 'एस' मंडल, कोलकोता, रामा कृष्णा पुरम, नई दिल्ली द्वारा अधोलिखित कार्यों के निष्पादन हेतु कोलकोता के approved and eligible उम्मेदवारों से ऑनलाइन प्रतियोगिता दर निविदा प्रणाली आमंत्रित की जाती है।

1. निष्पादन क्रमांक 115/EE/S Div/2018-19 (Recall) Name of Work "Repair/Rehabilitation of Lok Sabha & Rajya Sabha Qtrs at Vasant Vihar, New Delhi during 2018-19 (SH: Blocks no. 66 & 74)", अनुमानित लागत ₹ 25,47,973/- घरोर राशि ₹ 50,959/- कार्य निष्पादन अवधि-02 (दो) मास बिड को जमा कराने की अंतिम तिथि व समय 24.12.2018 को 12:00 बजे तक।
2. निष्पादन क्रमांक 120/EE/S Div/2018-19 Name of Work "Special Repair to Type-IV Qtrs at Sector-2, R.K. Puram, New Delhi dg. 2018-19 (SH: Attending day to day various type of pending complaints)", अनुमानित लागत ₹ 12,18,382/- घरोर राशि ₹ 24,368/- कार्य निष्पादन अवधि-05 (पांच) मास बिड को जमा कराने की अंतिम तिथि व समय 24.12.2018 को 12:00 बजे तक।
3. निष्पादन क्रमांक 121/EE/S Div/2018-19 Name of Work "A/R & M/O to Type-IV quarters at Sector-2, R.K. Puram, New Delhi during 2018-19 (SH: Internal Finishing work.)", अनुमानित लागत ₹ 13,14,288/- घरोर राशि ₹ 26,288/- कार्य निष्पादन अवधि-06 (छः) मास बिड को जमा कराने की अंतिम तिथि व समय 24.12.2018 को 12:00 बजे तक।
4. निष्पादन क्रमांक 122/EE/S Div/2018-19 Name of Work "A/R & M/O to CGO Building East block 1 to 10 and Trikot 1 to 3 Bhikaji Cama Place, R. K. Puram, New Delhi during 2018-19 (SH: Providing services of Computer Operator in Circle, Division and Subdivision office.)", अनुमानित लागत ₹ 10,37,698/- घरोर राशि ₹ 20,754/- कार्य निष्पादन अवधि-06 (छः) मास बिड को जमा कराने की अंतिम तिथि व समय 24.12.2018 को 12:00 बजे तक।

नोट:- बिड प्रारंभ और अन्य विवरण वेबसाइट [www.tenderwizard.com/CPWD](http://www.tenderwizard.com/CPWD) से प्राप्त किया जा सकता है। प्रेस विज्ञापन [www.eprocure.gov.in](http://www.eprocure.gov.in) पर भी उपलब्ध है।

**Zoramthanga to be sworn in as Mizoram CM on Saturday**

**Aizawl:** Mizo National Front (MNF) president Zoramthanga would be sworn-in as the Chief Minister of Mizoram at the Raj Bhavan here at 12 noon on Saturday, officials said on Wednesday. Governor Kumanman Rajasekharan formally invited Zoramthanga on Wednesday to form the next Government after receiving the signed notification of the result from EC officials, Raj Bhavan sources said. **PTI**

**Scribe murder case: Shahabuddin produced before court through video-conferencing**

**Muzaffarpur:** Controversial RJD leader Mohammad Shahabuddin and five others were on Wednesday produced before a court here in journalist Rajdeo Ranjan murder case. Shahabuddin, who is currently lodged in Delhi's Tihar jail, was produced before the court of Additional District and Sessions Judge Birendra Kumar through video conferencing. The five other accused were present in court. Two other accused persons could not be produced in the court due to ill-health. The CBI is probing the case and has named Shahabuddin and seven others as accused in its charge sheet. The other accused are Azahrudin Beg alias Laddan Mian, Vijay Kumar Gupta, Rohit Kumar Sony, Rajesh Kumar, Rishu Kumar Jaiswal, Sonu Kumar Gupta and Sonu Kumar Sony. Beig and Vijay Kumar Gupta, who are lodged in Bahagalpur jail and Muzaffarpur jail, respectively, and undergoing treatment at different hospitals, could not be produced in the court due to ill-health, defence lawyer Sharad Sinha said. The court has completed the hearing on two discharge petitions filed by Sonu Kumar Sony and Rohit Kumar Sony, he said. It fixed December 19 as the next date of hearing for framing of charges against all the accused persons in the case. The accused have been charged under sections 120B (criminal conspiracy) and 302 (murder) of the Indian Penal Code and section 27 of the Arms Act. **PTI**

**WISEMORE ADVISORY PRIVATE LIMITED**  
CIN : U74999DL2017PTC30359  
Regd. Office : 138, Ansal Chambers-II, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi-110 066  
**STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2018** (INR in millions)

Particulars	6 months ended 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept., 2018	
	Unaudited	Unaudited (refer note 7)
Total Income from Operations	0.90	0.75
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(239.66)	(170.76)
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(239.66)	(170.76)
Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	(239.66)	(170.76)
Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	498.39	570.39
Paid up Equity Share Capital	813.34	813.34
Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	1,035.00	561.32
Net worth*	1,848.34	1,374.66
Paid up Debt Capital / Outstanding Debt	2,725.64	2,070.50
Debt Equity Ratio*	1.47	1.51
Earnings Per Share (of Rs. 10/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations)		
1. Basic :	(2.95)	(2.10)
2. Diluted :	(2.95)	(2.10)
Debture Redemption Reserve	-	-
Debt Service Coverage Ratio	(0.00)	(0.03)
Interest Service Coverage Ratio	(0.00)	(0.03)

Disclosures pursuant to Regulations 52(4) and 52(7) Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

- Credit Rating : CARE BB (SO)
- Change in credit rating : No
- Asset Coverage Ratio Sept. 30, 2018 : 207.06%
- Debt Equity ratio : mentioned above
- Debt Service Coverage Ratio : mentioned above
- Interest Service Coverage Ratio : mentioned above
- Previous due date for the payment of interest/ repayment of principal of non convertible debt securities and whether the same has been paid or not (as on Sept. 30, 2018)
- Previous due date for the payment of interest : None
- Previous due date for the payment of principal : None
- Next due date for the payment of interest/ repayment of principal of non convertible debt securities (as on Sept. 30, 2018)
- Next due date for the payment of interest : January 30, 2022
- Next due date for the payment of principal : January 30, 2022
- Outstanding redeemable preference shares (Quantity and Value) : Not Applicable
- Net Worth\* Sept. 30, 2018 INR : 1,848.34 Million
- Net profit after tax : mentioned above
- Earning per share : mentioned above
- Debture redemption reserve against listed debentures Sept. 30, 2018 : NIL
- There are no material deviation in the use of proceeds of issue of Non Convertible Debentures from the objects stated in the offer document (Regulations 52(7))

Notes:

1. Ratios have been computed as follows :  
- Earning per share = Profit after Tax / Weighted average number of equity shares  
- Debt Equity Ratio = Total Debt (Long-term borrowings, short-term borrowings and current maturities of long-term debt but excluding unamortized fees) / Total Equity (Issued, subscribed and paid up equity share capital plus reserve and surplus. Reserve and surplus includes share premium, debenture redemption reserve, share based payment reserve and retained earnings)  
- Debt Service Coverage Ratio = Cash profit after tax # plus total interest expense / Total interest expense  
- Debt Service Coverage Ratio = Cash profit after tax # plus total interest expense / Total interest expense + principal repayment  
- Asset Coverage Ratio = (Total assets less current liabilities) / Total debt  
\* Net worth represents issued subscribed and paid up capital plus reserves and surplus. Reserves and Surplus includes Capital Reserve, General Reserve, Debenture redemption reserve, Securities premium account and Profit and loss account balance.  
# Profit after tax plus depreciation
2. The company is in the business of management consultancy services. There is only one segment (business and/or geographical) in accordance with the requirements of IND AS - 108 "Operating Segments".
3. Tax expense includes Current Tax and Deferred Tax charge.
4. The above financial results have been approved by the Board of Directors in their meeting held on 12th December, 2018.
5. The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), on 28th March 2018, notified Ind AS 115 "Revenue from Contracts with Customers" as part of the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Amendment Rules, 2018. The new standard is effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1st April, 2018. The adoption of the standard did not have any material impact on the above financial results of the Company.
6. The Balance Sheet as at September 30, 2018 as per Schedule III of the Companies Act, 2013 is attached as Annexure 1. For the half year ending Sept. 30, 2018, submission of Ind-AS compliant Balance Sheet for the previous year ended March 31, 2018 is not mandatory, therefore the same has not been presented.
7. The figures of the half year ended 30th September, 2017 represent the information compiled by the management, which was not subjected to an audit or limited review by the statutory auditors.
8. For the half year ending Sept. 30, 2018, submission of Ind-AS compliant financial results and Balance Sheet for the previous year ended March 31, 2018 is not mandatory, therefore the same has not been presented.
9. Previous period figures have been regrouped wherever necessary.

Place : Gurugram for **WISEMORE ADVISORY PRIVATE LIMITED**  
Date : December 12, 2018 **SUMANT SINHA, DIRECTOR (DIN : 00972012)**

**ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**  
**CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION U.T., CHANDIGARH**

**E-Tender Notice**

The Executive Engineer C.P. Division No. 6, U.T. Chandigarh Re-invites online the percentage rate tenders on behalf of the President of India from eligible reputed contractors/agencies fulfilling the eligibility criteria mentioned below which shall be updated and received on <http://etenders.chd.nic.in/ncicgep>.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Tender Amount	Earnest Money	Time Limit	Last date of submission of Bid	Date of Opening of Bid
1	Restoration, preservation, conservation and management of capital complex (world Heritage) Chandigarh, Punjab & Haryana High Court (Composite Work)	(a) Civil Component: Rs. 4,02,90,038/- (b) PH Services : Rs. 30,85,000/- (c) Electrical Installation: Rs. 1,09,99,939/- Total: 5,43,64,977/-	Rs. 10,87,300/-	09 Months	19-12-2018 11:00 AM	19-12-2018 12:00 PM

DAI- Executive Engineer, C.P. Division No. 6, 2nd Floor, Additional Deluxe Building, Sector 9-D, U.T. Chandigarh. Ph. No. 0172-2740094 E-mail: xencp6@gmail.com

Memo No. 9359-66 Dt. 12-12-2018

**POSSESSION NOTICE**

**ICICI Bank**  
**ICICI Bank Limited**

Registered Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, ICICI Bank Tower, Near Chakki Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara-390007.  
Corporate Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai - 400051  
Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd, 2nd floor, Videocon Tower, Jhandewalan Extn, New Delhi.

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of property/ Date of Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Gulati Retail India Ltd / Manmohan Singh Gulati / Gulati Export House / Pritpal Singh Gulati / Aranyajot Singh Gulati / Rajpreet Kaur Gulati / LBGUR00001756067	Shop no. DGL- 020, DLF Galleria, Mayur Vihar, Delhi / 08-12-2018	Nov 29, 2012 / Rs.5,69,962/-	Delhi

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 days Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date : 13-Dec-2018  
Place: Delhi/NCR  
Sd/-  
Authorized Officer  
ICICI Bank Limited

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON**

**See Section 82 Cr. P. C.**  
Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Billu S/o Daya Nand, R/o Gali No.4 Arya Nagar, Bahadur Garh, (HR)**, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence under **FIR No. 181/05 u/s 78, 61 Excise Act.** has been registered at **P.S. Kanjhawala, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said **Billu S/o Daya Nand**, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said, **Billu S/o Daya Nand** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).  
Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Billu S/o Daya Nand** accused of **FIR No. 181/05 U/s 78, 61 Excise Act.** required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 30.03.2019.  
In Order  
**Sh. Anurag Thakur**  
Metropolitan Magistrate (North-West)-02,  
Room No.113, First Floor Rohini Courts Delhi

**SEARCH FOR MISSING**

**Neha**  
General public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Neha D/o Dinesh, R/o H.No. A-4/54, Nand Nagri, Delhi, Age : 22 yrs., Height : 5'2", Complexion : Shallow, Face : Round, Built : Thin, Wearing : Suit and Salwar**, has been missing / kidnapped since 10.11.2018 from the area of P.S. Nand Nagri. In this regard a case **DD No. 16-A dated 10.11.2018** has been lodged at P.S. Nand Nagri, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local Police to trace out the missing / kidnapped girl but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing / kidnapped girl please inform undersigned  
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>, Email: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in), Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641, Fax : 011-24368639  
**SHO**  
**PS. Nand Nagri, Delhi**  
**DP/6722/NE/18.**  
**Ph. No. 011-22583307, 875087030**

**SEARCH FOR MISSING**

**Anjali Sharma**  
General Public is hereby informed that one lady namely **Anjali Sharma W/o Sh. Ajay Kumar Shah, R/o H.No 16/480 H-Block, Bapa Nagar, Delhi Age: 19 yrs., Height: 5', Complexion: Wheatish, Built: Thin, Face: Oval, Wearing: Mahroon colour Suit Salwar and Chappal in feet, ID Mark: A old cut mark on forehead** has been missing since 20.11.2018 at 04:00 PM. In this regard a **DD No. 055 dated 21.11.2018** has been lodged in PS Prasad Nagar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the lady but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this lady kindly inform to the following  
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>  
E-mail Id - [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in)  
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641  
Fax No. 011-24368639  
**SHO**  
**PS Prasad Nagar, Delhi**  
**Ph.: 011- 25725652, 25751048**  
**DP/5907/CD/18**  
**M.: 8750870432**

**SEARCH FOR MISSING**

**DEEPA**  
General Public is hereby informed that a girl **Namely: Deepa, D/o Jai Pal, R/o: 20 MCD Flats Nand Nagri, Delhi, Age: 23 Years, Height: 5'3", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Normal, Wearing: Suit and Salwar**, has been missing since 20.09.2018 from her house. In this regard **DD No. 4-A, dated 21.09.2018**, has been lodged at **PS. Nanad Nagari, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing girl but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this girl please inform undersigned.  
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641, Extn. 2101  
**E-Mail ID: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in)**  
**Fax: 011-24368639**  
**PS, Nand Nagari, Delhi**  
**DP/6622/NE/18**  
**Ph.: 011-22583307, 22585985**

**SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED**

**SAGUFTA**  
General public is hereby informed that one girl namely **Sagufta D/o Babu Hasan R/o H.N. A-236, Gali No.4, Kachchi Khajuri Khas, Delhi** has been kidnapped since 20.11.2018 In this regard, a case **FIR No. 591/18 dated 24.11.2018 u/s 363 IPC** has been registered at **P.S. Khajuri Khas, Delhi**. The description of the kidnapped/missing girl is as under.  
**Age: 17 Years, Complexion: Fair, Height: 5', Face: Round, Built: Medium, Wearing: Black Colour Suit, & Red Chappal in feet.** Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out her but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the Kidnapped/missing girl then please inform P.S. Khajuri Khas Delhi at following Tel No. / e-mail: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) and Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>  
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**Fax No. 011-24368639**  
**Sd/- S.H.O.**  
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BJP'S ATTACK ON NEHRU-GANDHI FAMILY

It boomeranged on BJP: Pawar

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

NCP president Sharad Pawar said here on Wednesday Prime Minister Narendra Modi's frequent attacks on the Nehru-Gandhi family members had not gone down well with the public, leading to the BJP's debacle in the Assembly polls in three States.

"During the recent Assembly poll campaign, Modi forgot all the promises he had made during the 2014 polls. All he did was to talk about one family. Here is a man who had not seen Pandit Nehru and Indira Gandhi. But he continued to attack one family all through the campaign. The BJP is paying for the Modi's folly," Pawar said.



Slamming the Modi Government for its questionable governance during the last four and a half years, Pawar said: "Such is the nature of interference of the Modi dispensation in various established institu-

tions is there for everybody to see. First of all, four senior most Supreme Court judges had come out openly to address a press conference. Then, it was the turn of Government appointed RBI Governor Urjit Patel who resigned. We are still to resolve the mess created by the Govt in the CBI. There have been attacks on the Constitution from the Government's side from time to time."

"We were thinking that the BJP would suffer a jolt from Adivasis and farmers. But, the BJP has suffered 50 per cent setback even in urban areas. The process of change in government at the Centre has started,"

the NCP president said.

Holding that the people had accepted the Congress' decision to hand over the leadership to the new generation (read Rahul Gandhi), Pawar said that there may not be a federation opposition front at the Centre, but the Opposition parties should rise over their differences and come together to take on the BJP during the 2019 Lok Sabha polls.

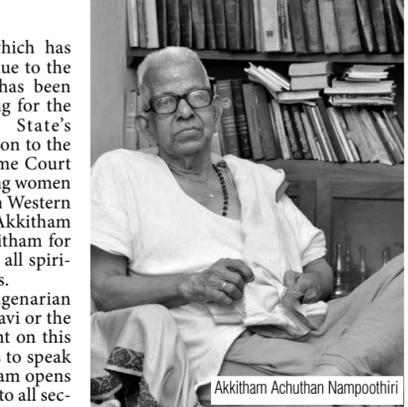
"We may not have a UPA or a third front during the Lok Sabha polls. But, the Opposition parties should sink their differences and come together to fight the BJP in the Lok Sabha polls," Pawar said.

KUMAR CHELLAPPAN ■ KOCHI

Kerala's political skyline which has been turned tumultuous due to the Sabarimala controversy and has been vitiating by the hour is waiting for the counsel from the State's Bheeshmapitamah. The solution to the issue arising out of the Supreme Court verdict of September 28 allowing women of all age into the holy shrine in Western Ghats lies with 93-year-old Akkitham Achuthan Nampoothiri, (Akkitham for short) the State's last word in all spiritual cultural and literary issues.

But the celebrated nonagenarian poet (the one and only Mahakavi or the great poet in the State) is silent on this controversial issue and refuses to speak out his mind. "Of only Akkitham opens up his mind, people belonging to all sections will fall in line," said S Rameshan Nair, the Tamil Nadu-born Malayalam poet who was honoured with this year's Sahitya Akademy Award for poetry.

Akkitham refused to divulge what was in his mind about the Sabarimala stand off which has affected millions of Lord Ayyappa devotees all over south India. "It is a matter of belief, custom and tradition. But I don't want to speak anything about it. The sentiments and feelings of devotees should be respected," the poet told *The Pioneer*. This scholar, internationally accepted as the father of modernism in Malayalam poetry for his work *Epic of the Twentieth Century*, has



Akkitham Achuthan Nampoothiri

also fought for eradication of untouchability and was engaged in teaching and oppressed classes in the society.

"I am against segregation or discrimination of devotees based on their gender or caste or religion. But customs and traditions considered as sacred by the society should not be violated. Let's welcome the true devotees," said Akkitham while speaking to this newspaper on Wednesday.

There is not a single Malayalee anywhere in the globe who has not heard his lyric "Light is sorrow, dear child;

Darkness is happiness", pointed out Nair, who has been a close associate of the poet for more than five decades. "These are the lines from *Epic of the Twentieth Century* which has no parallel in contemporary literature. That's why people in Kerala have accorded him the status of an iconic figure irrespective of their caste, creed and political ideologies.

Literary critics like late Prof M Krishnan Nair had described Akkitham as a poet who integrated spirituality, philosophy and humanity in his works. His latest poetic work is the Malayalam translation of *Shrimat Bhagawatam*, comprising 14,613 verses spread across 2400 printed pages. The respect commanded by Akkitham could be understood from the fact that his is the only poems from Malayalam which has been translated into French and published in "Europa", the quarterly literary journal in France.

"Poetic images built out of drops after drops of tear and laughter after laughter that will not burn down to ashes in the efflux of time, that will not dissolve and not washed away in the torrential flow of time and that will not be thrown away and shattered to pieces in the swirling typhonic drift of time are the essential basic characters of Akkitham's poetry," says Prof M Leelavathi, the legendary literary critic who is also a nonagenarian like Akkitham.

It is time Kerala society listened to his words of wisdom, at least in the Sabarimala issue.

Poll results, warning for BJP: Hazare

PNS ■ MUMBAI

Termining the defeat in the Assembly polls in three States as a wake-up call for the BJP, noted social activist Anna Hazare said on Wednesday that if the ruling party at the Centre did not keep its various made in the previous elections, the people would teach a lesson to it in the 2019 Lok

Sabha polls.

Talking to media persons at Ralegan-Siddhi, Hazare said: "Before and after coming to power at the Centre, the BJP sold dreams to the people. But, all the promises made by the BJP and Prime Minister Narendra Modi have remained on paper. Through their mandate in the Assembly polls in five States, the people have

exposed the Modi Government and its false promises," Hazare said.

"The Assembly poll verdict is a wake-up call for the BJP. If the Modi Government does not fulfil its promises made in the run-up and after the 2014 polls, then the people would teach a lesson to the ruling BJP in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls," Hazare added.

PMO returns money order of farmer who got pittance for onions

Mumbai: A money-order sent by a farmer in Maharashtra's Nashik district, who had got a princely sum of ₹1,064 after selling 750 kg of onions, has been returned by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).

Sanjay Sathre, a farmer from Niphad tehsil of Nashik district, had sent ₹1,064, his earnings from onion sale in the wholesale market, to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 29 as a protest.

A few days ago, the local post office informed him that the money-order was not accepted.

"I went to the office of India Post in Niphad Monday and received the amount of ₹1,064," Sathre told PTI on Wednesday.

"My only intention was to prompt the Government to take some steps to ease the financial stress farmers are suffering from because of the crashed prices," he said.

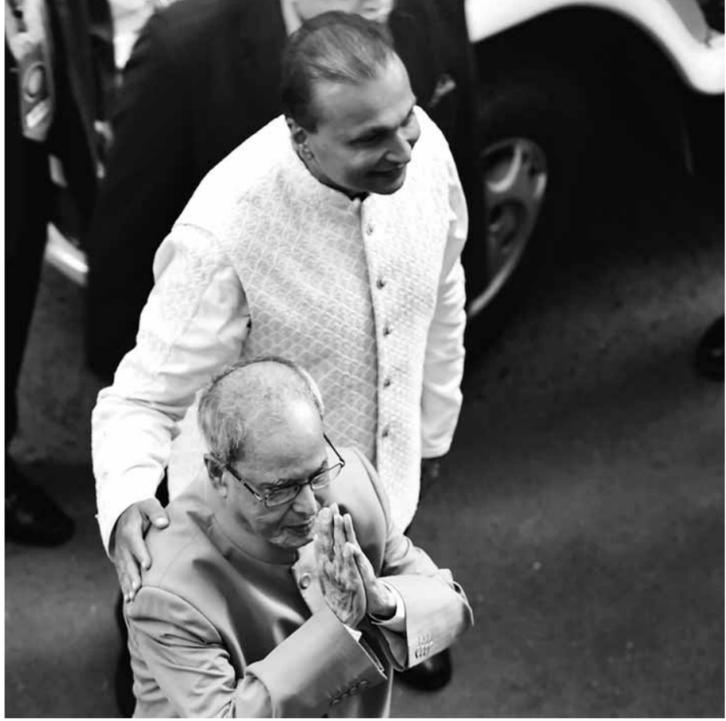
**Sathre, who had taken his onion crop to Niphad wholesale market, had received a paltry rate of ₹1.40 per kg**

Sathre, who had taken his onion crop to Niphad wholesale market, had received a paltry rate of ₹1.40 per kg.

His act of donating the money to the disaster relief fund of the PMO by making a money-order had made headlines.

"I wanted to draw the Government's attention to our problems. I am not associated with any political party," he said.

"I hope the Union and State Governments will take some steps so that onion growers earn more," he said.



Former president Pranab Mukherjee with industrialist Anil Ambani arrives for the wedding ceremony of Mukesh Ambani's daughter Isha at Antilia in Mumbai on Wednesday

Who's who from all walks of life attend Ambani wedding

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

Prominent personalities from various walks of life, including, former President Pranab Mukherjee, former US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, business tycoons, film stars, sports celebrities turned out for the "royal wedding" of scions of two top business conglomerates — Isha Ambani and Anand Piramal — here on Wednesday.

The celebrations began in the afternoon with the traditionally attired groom Anand arrived in a "baraat" (wedding procession) at the Ambanis' Cumballa Hill palatial mansion "Antilia" in south Mumbai. The Piramals were seen dancing enthusiastically when they arrived at the wedding venue accompanied by some professional dancers.

The road leading up to "Antilia" was decorated with multi-hued fresh flowers, colourful lights and festoons to welcome the guests to the wedding. The video clips of both lit-up and decorated road

went viral on social media all through the day.

The 27-storied Antilia, which is believed to be the most expensive private residence in the world, was decked up taste-

fully to welcome the guests.

Mukesh Ambani, Anant Ambani, Akash Ambani and Shloka Mehta accorded a grand welcome to the groom family members.

India joins elite club with submarine rescue vessel

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI

India joined a select league of nations worldwide with the sovereign capability in fly away configuration to search, locate and rescue crew from a disabled submarine, as Admiral Sunil Lanba, the Chief of Naval Staff, formally inducted the Deep Submergence Rescue Vessel (DSRV) and its associated equipment at the Naval Dockyard in south Mumbai on Wednesday.

Speaking at the induction ceremony, Admiral Lanba, the Chief of Naval Staff, who is also the Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee, said: "I wish we should not use it, but in case we need to use, the intention is to rescue each and every life".

"The induction of the vehicle has put the Indian Navy into a small league of navies that have an integral submarine rescue capability...It is a red-letter day for the Indian Navy and its submarine arm...we have acquired it after years of focussed effort," Vice Admiral Girish Luthra, the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Mumbai-headquartered Western Naval Command (WNC), said.

The first DSRV's first vessel, inducted on Wednesday, would be based in Mumbai, while another similar one is expected to join the Indian Navy in the next and it will be based in Visakhapatnam, the headquarters of Eastern Naval Command (ENC).

The newly inducted DSRV has a Side Scan Sonar for locating the position of the submarine in distress at sea, providing immediate relief by way of posting Emergency



Admiral Sunil Lanba, Chief of the Naval Staff unveiling the plaque inducting Deep Submergence Rescue Vessel (DSRV) and its associated equipment (Right) The DSRV being put into sea for a demonstration, after its induction into the Indian Navy

Life Support Containers with the help of Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) and thereafter rescuing the crew of the submarine using the DSRV itself.

Currently, the Indian Navy currently operates submarines of the Sindhughosh, Shishumar, Kalvari Classes as

well as the nuclear powered submarines. The operating medium and the nature of operations undertaken by submarines expose them to high degree of inherent risk. In such an eventuality, traditional methods of search and rescue at sea are ineffective for a disabled submarine.

Advance Indian Naval Dental Centre Commissioned at Colaba

PNS ■ MUMBAI

Indian Naval Dental Centre Danteshwari, a first of its kind dental centre providing world class multi-speciality dental facilities under one roof, was commissioned at Colaba in south Mumbai.

Mumbai Surgeon Commodore (D) Bireshwar Mukherjee read out the commissioning warrant as the first Commanding Officer of INDC Danteshwari in the presence of Admiral Sunil Lanba, Chief of Naval Staff, Vice Admiral

Girish Luthra, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Naval Command and Lt General SM Londhe, Director General Dental Services, while Mrs Preeti Luthra, president NWWA WR unveiled the commissioning plaque.

INDC Danteshwari became the first commissioned dental unit of the Indian Navy in order to meet the growing demand for quality dental health care facilities in the armed forces, at par with international standards.

Remove restrictions, barricades at prime spots at Sabarimala, Kerala HC directs police

Kochi: The Kerala High Court on Wednesday directed police to remove barricades at prime spots in the temple complex of the Lord Ayyappa hill shrine at Sabarimala.

It also directed police to lift restrictions like blocking pilgrims at Sharakutti, en route to the 'sannidhanam' or temple complex, after 11.30 PM.

A division bench of justices Ramachandra Menon and N Anil Kumar said its earlier order that there should not be any protest in Sabarimala stands intact.

The bench also approved the report of the three-member monitoring commission appointed by it on November 28 to oversee the pilgrimage at Sabarimala temple.

The court had appointed the three-member panel to oversee the pilgrimage at Sabarimala temple and said there should not be any more protests at the shrine, which witnessed a series of violent incidents after the September 28 Supreme Court verdict, allowing women of all ages into the shrine.

It had, while hearing a bunch of petitions questioning restrictions at the temple, said the three observers would monitor the pilgrimage and report to the court.

The court Wednesday said that depending on the intensity of the crowd, police can take appropriate measures to manage the crowd and inflow without causing inconvenience to pilgrims.

CORRIGENDUM

This is to inform the general public that a Public Notice was published on 09/12/18 in 'The Pioneer' English Newspaper and 'Pioneer' Hindi Newspaper in which inadvertently mentioned as Attorney for Bank of India it should be read as Attorney for Bank of Baroda.

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General public is hereby informed that one female namely Reena Devi @ Maya, W/o Vipin Kumar, R/o: H.No. B-797, GD Colony, Mayur Vihar, Delhi, Age: 50 years, Height: 5'2", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Long, Identification: Mentally disturb, wearing Brown colour Sweater & Navy Blue Saree, has been missing from the area of PS Gazipur since 24.11.2018. In this regard a DD No. 32A, dated 24.11.2018 has been lodged at P.S. Gazipur, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the female but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about her please inform undersigned.

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## New dilemma

The Congress has to now deal with its old coterie and be decisive about leadership issues

The Congress celebrations, now that everybody has labelled the Assembly results as the nose-in-the-ground anointment of its new chief Rahul Gandhi, need to simmer down and its top brass should get working on the troublesome issue of State leadership at hand. Should the party go with the old guard or prop up the new, if only to demonstrate that Rahul Gandhi is indeed capable of bringing the vigour of youth instead of relying on handed down logic? Besides, Gandhi has to dispel the myth that he would still love to be cushioned in

princeling comforts and not be overshadowed by talented challengers. If he has to send out a message of a new-found sense of purpose and appeal to the younger demographic of voters, then he indeed has to accommodate his young leadership and peers in power positions. A clearer verdict would have no doubt given him the muscle but now that the Congress has slender margins of victory, it cannot afford to alienate the older and more importantly, the loyal watchguards of the organisation. Dissenters in the Congress are notorious for harming the party and in the two States could even shop in Opposition camps. Unlike the monolithic grassroots matrix of the BJP, the Congress votebank is harvested in pocket borough style by regional leaders. At this point, when the party needs to work on its organisational depth for 2019, it could hardly afford to crank up the senior leaders. In Rajasthan, a young Sachin Pilot worked the ground but was tasked with the superhuman feat of pulling up seat strength from 21 to 100 plus. And though he staked his strengths, he has yet to reach the over-arching and harmonising capabilities of the seniority and experience of an Ashok Gehlot. The Congress does need his expertise to keep the flock together. Though the two leaders chose to brief the press from their residence, it was the senior Gehlot who was pragmatic enough to call on his junior for the right optics.

In Madhya Pradesh, where the Congress is tipping on needle point, and where Jyotiraditya Scindia is an equal claimant to leadership, the experience of the old guard has to be banked upon. A strategist like Kamal Nath was needed to begin talks with post poll allies like Mayawati's Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), the Samajwadi Party, Gondwana Gantantra Party and independents. The party needs 116 to form the Government. For Mayawati, it is a shot at relevance as she has realised that a pre-poll partnership would have worked far more for mutual benefit and that tricky territory needs delicacy and soft-treading of ego issues which the senior leaders are expectedly more adept at. One doesn't deny the imperatives but do the old warhorses have the maturity to be the *margdarshak* and give up the hot seat instead? The Congress has to deal with its coterie clout and seem to be decisive about leadership issues, give credence to the bottom-up approach rather than the one handed down by the high command.

## Privacy pitfalls

Pichai appeared far more confident than Zuckerberg, but tech companies need to be regulated on privacy matters

Google Chief Executive, the Indian-born Sundar Pichai, appeared confident and answered quite succinctly all questions posed by United States Congressmen at a hearing. His hearing was not the media circus that the hearing of Facebook Chief Executive Mark Zuckerberg was, because Pichai did not appear shifty or deflect questions the way Zuckerberg did. But that does not take away the persistent concerns that users and Governments have about the power of the American technology giants such as Amazon, Facebook and Google. And these companies have been lax in responding to these allegations, with hopes that they will pass through. So much so that Facebook sent a middling executive with little knowledge of the issues at hand to a multinational parliamentary hearing recently in London.

Far too many people have been bothered by the flippant way America's technology giants have treated privacy concerns, but the fact is that almost every technology company or service provider has been treating data irresponsibly. As some have commented that 'Data is the new Oil', the problem is that we are burning that oil irresponsibly and spilling it all over the place. The practice of deep packet inspection by some Indian telecom companies of their Internet traffic is disturbing as is the fact that Facebook and Google mine information from your phone calls and messages to suggest friends and new services to you. Even more worrying is the use of a phone microphone at all times to ostensibly listen for the name of their artificial intelligence driven assistant, something that is even being copied by car companies today in their latest models. Can this information be weaponised? Several Chinese handset manufacturers have become popular in India. Can they burrow through conversations and emails to compromise Indian democracy? Have the actions and inactions of Facebook already compromised elections? These are questions that we hope our smarter legislators can ask, but across the world, thanks in no small part to the power of these technology companies, populists with limited education and knowledge are being elected, which serves the interests of the technology companies to keep doing what they are doing with little or no regulation.

Indeed, it has been very disappointing that the Indian legislature has not done much to further the Supreme Court's landmark Right to Privacy judgement and gone after the technology majors for the way they use data from India and data of Indians. Not just the American tech giants, but Chinese handset operators, Indian telecom operators as well as companies that have started under the Digital India initiative, have to be questioned by our legislators in public hearings. Otherwise, we are just selling souls online.

# Tango or foxtrot?

How the Congress' win in the three Hindi heartland States informs the dance of democracy and steps gingerly around the *mahagathbandhan*



ISHAN JOSHI

The very creditable electoral success of the Congress in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan has justifiably given the Grand Old Party a spring in its collective step. But the thing is that this achievement, and it is a major one to come back virtually from the dead against multiple-term incumbents from a dominant ruling dispensation, has also caused some consternation among the bevy of regional political heavyweights arrayed against the BJP in their respective States who are crucial players in a putative Opposition grand alliance or *mahagathbandhan*. To use an analogy from the dance floor, it takes two to tango but when one partner breaks into a foxtrot the other tends to get breathless keeping pace.

Messrs K Chandrashekar Rao, Naveen Patnaik, Mamata Banerjee, MK Stalin, Mayawati, Akhilesh Yadav, Sharad Pawar, Deve Gowda, Arvind Kejriwal and, arguably, the BJP's perennially suspect ally Nitish Kumar would clearly prefer a non-BJP, non-Congress Federal Front which could control a substantial chunk of over 250 MPs that will be elected to the Lok Sabha from their respective States of operation as opposed to a UPA kind of arrangement with the Congress as *primus inter pares*. Even N Chandrababu Naidu, often compared to the late CPI-M general secretary HKS Surjeet who played the role of a good-faith mediator in setting up non-Congress non-BJP coalitions at the Centre in the 1990s for his current efforts at building Opposition unity, could easily be co-opted into this arrangement if and when push comes to shove.

Rahul Gandhi's perfectly valid comment during his Press conference on the evening of December 11 as the results of the Assembly polls came in, speaking of the 'resurgence' of the party he heads, has therefore been seized upon by those in the Opposition ranks with a deep vein of anti-Congressism running through them as evidence of the latent hegemonic ambitions of the Congress finding play. And that is the crux of the matter. Not because the AICC does not have an unalienable right to build its organisational strength, reposition aspects of its philosophy to stay in tune with an overarching sense of an Indic heritage and make a concerted effort to recover lost electoral ground over vast swathes of India, but because the political landscape today means these attempts will run into opposition not merely from the BJP, which is the other pan-India political party in the fray, but regional forces that militate in theory and practice against the unitary impulse of the Indian state.

The immediate task for the Congress is to assuage the apprehensions of the



regional parties to prevent anti-BJP forces from splintering in the run-up to 2019 while, in the medium term, rebuilding the party on the lines of the Pachmarhi resolution which senior party leaders understandably do not find it politic to mention in public these days. This is obviously not lost on the leaders of the putative Federal Front whose support base and ideological orientation precludes any adjustment with a Narendra Modi-Amit Shah controlled BJP but replace the duo, if you will, with a collective leadership of more moderate faces and all bets are off. After all, apart from the Congress and Communists, there is not a single regional party not counting the comparatively recently founded AAP and TRS, which has not, at some stage over past three decades, been a BJP ally.

So, what can the Congress do and how should it go about doing it? Well, back to the dance floor for answers. **The first step:** A close cinch in a slow dance is strongly recommended on the principle that one keeps one's friends close and enemies even closer; think BSP. The temptation to break into a waltz will be ever-present but needs to be resisted; remember what happened to the Congress in Uttar Pradesh in the 1990s when the late Narasimha Rao first tried it on with the late Kanshi Ram.

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The DMK and Kamal Hassan in Tamil Nadu ought also to be firmly in the close dance embrace. Ditto, the Nationalist Congress Party in Maharashtra and Janata Dal (Secular) in Karnataka.

Next, the Congress needs to jump generations and look at a breakdance where one can do one's own thing but in one's partner's vicinity who is probably more adept at it; and if the number is well-choreographed, it can give the illusion of both dancers being in sync. Telugu Desam Party (TDP), Trinamool Congress, and AAP all probably fall in this category.

The temptress' dance — and the phrase used here in a gender-neutral political sense obviously — is of the essence for the Congress to perfect for the likes of the Janata Dal (United) and possibly even the YSR Congress of Jaganmohan Reddy in Andhra Pradesh if the TDP number goes awry in those parts. Samajwadi Party, too, would perhaps need a bit of the old Vera of the Seven Veils treatment, as it were, in conceding a few seats to it in States other than Uttar Pradesh.

But it can't just be one happy-hippy beach party grind for the Grand Old Party if it is serious about reclaiming its position as the second pole of national politics, the BJP having firmly ensconced itself as the other despite the electoral setbacks in the Assembly polls.

In States where it is still the main Opposition to a ruling regional party and has some organisational left albeit with the BJP breathing down its neck, the Congress may have to dump its potential dancing partners for the 2019 Lok Sabha poll even while maintaining surface camaraderie. The CPI-M in Kerala and Biju Janata Dal in Odisha are two such.

There will surely be some in the Congress and among those simpatico who will think of the above as a very cynical assessment of the political lay of the land as India heads into a General Election. They would be right. But they would be naïve to think that the regional parties that constitute the opposition to the BJP in many States will be working in anyone's interest but their own, as it's their right.

If India is, at long last, to head towards a two-party/alliance system, there is no better time for it to come to fruition than in 2019. Because with the regional parties on either side today strong enough to command respect and demand autonomy from the national party they align with, the prospects of such a bipolar polity lasting and taking root are much brighter than ever before.

(The writer is a senior journalist, an independent media consultant and commentator on contemporary affairs)

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BJP indulged in a vicious campaign in the five States, even making personal attacks on the Nehru-Gandhi family. This was not approved by the electorate.



NCP president — Sharad Pawar

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Securing throne

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Rahul's day dawns" (December 12). Congress president Rahul Gandhi must be congratulated for his party's performance, especially in the Hindi heartland States — Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan. He has proved that he can emerge as a leader.

It is now largely felt that election victories to these States will help the grand old party emerge as a 'fighting force' against the BJP for the 2019 general elections. With the Congress rising to the occasion it is only clear that India will not be Opposition-mukt. All political parties must take lessons from these election results and prepare well for 2019.

M Ratan  
Via email

### Welcome gesture

Sir — It is laudable that sinking all differences Bahujan Samaj Party supremo Mayawati has readily offered her party's support to the Congress to form a

Government in Madhya Pradesh. She also assured that her party would provide support if needed in Rajasthan too. This is the spirit of unity that is required on the part of all Opposition parties to take on the BJP. Post election results to five States, they must all work in tandem for the 2019 general election.

Shalini Gerald  
Chennai

### Obsession with casteism

This refers to the article, "High cost of reservations" (December 12) by Prafull Goradia. It is an irony that a large section of the population continues to identify itself on the basis of caste. This is the very reason why caste credential forms the very basis of the Indian election process. Right from the Lok Sabha poll to panchayat elections, candidates are offered tickets after a careful analysis of the demographic picture of the concerned constituency is done. Even poll promises and sops bear shrewd caste angles. Will casteism ever get uprooted if in the name of caste such muscle-flexing is entertained? When a large section of the population has been delivered the taste of gaining entry into a particular sector based on caste, they would never give up this unfair practice that they enjoy over their meritorious counterparts.

It is, therefore, unlikely that reservations can be abolished abruptly or even in a phased manner. Our lawmakers,



who enjoy the fruits of electoral dividend by playing on caste factors, would continue bringing more such groups under the ambit of reservation. Unless our leaders and the electorate rise above petty barriers, casteism and reservation will continue to gain more strength in this supposedly united country.

Kajal Chatterjee  
Kolkata

### Unpredictable results

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Rahul's day dawns" (December 12). The much-hyped *achhe din* seem to have come for the Congress even as all exit polls predicted that the grand old party would have an edge over the BJP in the five States that recently went to polls.

The Congress' coming out with flying colours in these Assembly elections has justified that its president Rahul Gandhi suits well as a prime contender to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Rahul Gandhi deserves to be at the helm of the proposed grand alliance — the *mahagathbandhan* of non-BJP parties — that aims to take on the BJP-led NDA in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls.

Political pundits have opined that results to the Assembly elections were the semi-finals for 2019 that set the tone and tenor for the crucial parliamentary election. Looks like the grand finale will be played between the UPA and the NDA teams. However, politics is said to be a game of surprises. It can take bizarre twists and turns. Therefore, we must wait. There's long way to go.

Azhar A Khan  
Rampur

### Don't be mistaken

Sir — This refers to the editorial, "Rahul's day dawns" (December 12). Certainly, the Congress has reasons to cheer but the present wins cannot be considered as 'victory'. And if the party believes so, it is deluded. For, the election results have come out as a result of people's anger against the ruling BJP. They are not a reflection of love for or confidence in the Congress.

Radhya Subramanian  
Chennai

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## FIRST COLUMN

## Ramblings in winter

It is not just the chill but the chilling future that must send down shivers



HIRANMAY KARLEKAR

If autumn, pace Keats, is a season of "mist and mellow fruitfulness", winter, some say, is one of discontent. One would perhaps not be presuming too much if one believes that they have perjured their description from either or both works of literature that are widely known. The English types must have taken it from the Bard of Avon, William Shakespeare's play *Richard III*, which contains the line, "Now is the winter of our discontent made glorious by the sun of York." Of course, the reference was not to the Yorkshire weather, which is not celebrated for its sunshine, but the House of York, one of the dynasties fighting the House of Lancaster in the Wars of the Roses which wracked England from 1455 to 1485 (according to some historians 1487).

It does not take a great leap of imagination to realise that all that intermittent, but terrible, blood-letting was for England's crown, which the Yorkists and the Lancastrians fought under the symbols of the white and rose respectively. At the end of it, the prize went to Henry Tudor, who became king under the name of Henry VII.

All this was a long time ago. But Shakespeare is an eternal literary eminence and the source perhaps of the majority of literary quotes in English that make the rounds even now. The one cited has had a second coming in the form of the title of Nobel Laureate (literature) John Steinbeck's last novel, *The Winter of Our Discontent*, published in 1961, which, I believe is the secondary source of the description. Though not a towering, perennial icon like Shakespeare, Steinbeck was a literary stalwart of his time known for novels like *The Grapes of Wrath* and *East of Eden*.

That, however, is another matter. An important reason why the description has come to stay is that winter brings, in some parts, bone-chilling cold that sends shivers down to the extremities even when one is swaddled in warm clothes. No wonder the Bard associated the season with rough weather and wrote in *As You Like It*, "Under the greenwood tree/Who loves to lie with me, / And turn his merry note/ Unto the sweet bird's throat, / Come hither, come hither, come hither:/ Here shall he see/ No enemy/ But winter and rough weather."

The perennially constipated who scan sentences and paragraphs for their most uncharitable interpretation, might claim that the stanza's underlying idea is that winter and rough weather are our enemies. While one cannot rule that out, I would rather believe that this would be stretching matters a bit too far and what we are really witnessing is no more than yet another example of poetic hyperbole.

That this is so would become clear if one looks at the next stanza:

"Who doth ambition shun/ And loves to live i' the sun, / Seeking the food he eats, / And pleased with what he gets, / Come hither, come hither, come hither:/ Here shall he see/ No enemy/ But winter and rough weather."

There is here no trace of anger and rancor that one associates with enmity. Instead one finds an invitation to an idyllic existence in the enchanted Forest of Arden, which, in Shakespeare's *As You Like It*, transforms every person who arrives, making him or her mellow and relaxed through contact with nature. In fact, the focus is on the charms of such a life and the reference to winter and rough weather as the only enemies one would have to face there, is purely incidental.

Life like the one in Arden, with its simplicity and relaxed pace, doubtless has its charms for many, particularly those long in city pent. Advance of civilisation, however, is constantly expanding the web of demands for essentials, comforts, luxuries and entertainment, arising from production for commerce. It is a web from which it is most difficult for the trapped to extract themselves, particularly in the current age with the growing incidence of psychic manipulation through advertising, the cutting edge of market economy and culture.

The web is increasingly drawing humankind into a pattern of existence that is as bland and pleasurable as it is artificial. Even now, people remain, as Desmond Morris has shown in *The Naked Ape*, members of a hunting tribe in their defining character orientation. This is the way they first emerged and survived on earth and this is the way in which they had lived for hundreds and thousands of years before urban civilisation began taking giant strides in time. Palliatives like creating social, economic, cultural and political groups that resemble tribes, have not helped much. A life in an unnatural and claustrophobic environment makes homo sapiens fractious and irritable, sometimes setting off sub-conscious accumulation of resentment in explosions of individual and mass violence.

The winter of our discontent, therefore, arises, at the societal plane, from discontent over our existence. The latter needs to be addressed seriously, which, unfortunately, does not seem to be happening.

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## POINT COUNTERPOINT

CAPT AMARINDER SHOULD REFRAIN FROM DOING OR SAYING ANYTHING THAT MIGHT BECOME A PRETEXT FOR BLOCKING THE KARTARPUR SAHIB CORRIDOR.

—SAD PATRIARCH  
PARKASH SINGH BADAL



BADAL'S STATEMENT IS IN LINE WITH HIS APPROACH OF EXPLOITING RELIGIOUS ISSUES TO FURTHER HIS POLITICAL INTERESTS.

—PUNJAB CHIEF MINISTER  
AMARINDER SINGH

# Enjoyment not for business

The capitalist market economy is investing in generating suspicion and addiction through the social network that seems to be a profitable business of human emotion



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Slavoj Žižek in a film argues that "in postmodern society, we are obliged to enjoy. Enjoyment becomes a kind of wired perverted duty." These lines point to the existence of new means of profit in human emotions invented by the prevailing capitalist economic structure. Capitalism in its course has developed more effective and violent means of controlling human emotions through Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp and many more. It is pertinent to any individual attempting to understand contemporary times to know how social networking sites, like Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp, have fashioned and internalised new rules of enjoyment.

It is relevant to ask ourselves a few questions: Do these new mediums of expression actually address the question of human liberation or simply re-structure our very understanding of liberation?

The systematic deployment of new rules of morality or immorality, good or evil, and right and wrong has given enough reason to its user to believe that the discovery of Facebook, Twitter and WhatsApp has been a great source of entertainment and symbol of a blissful life. It seems as if these social networks of entertainment have empowered them by providing absolute charge to its user on control of its handling that seems to be a spectacular phenomenon. Though the user has a monopoly on the use of social network account in the sense that they can write and post whatever they feel, these domains have also constrained or more importantly violated individuals in several manners.

The social networks have encroached into the personal domain of an individual's secrecy as WhatsApp and Facebook give its user an option to know whether a person is online or when s/he was last seen. This created a new addiction among its user for its use to judge the action, reaction, trust and loyalty of others.

Behind the screen, one plays the role of a detective to watch over the behaviour of their loved ones. It created a kind of suspicion which resulted in animosity and secret revenge that oblige its user to use it not for the communicative purpose but as a mean of surveillance. They start playing the role of a watchman carefully watching the suspicious activities of a concerned person on these platforms.

The complex system of these social networks designed its feature in such a way that suspicion gets



internalised as a factor that dominates the activities of its users. It is important to know that suspicion and addiction go hand-in-hand. The capitalist market economy is investing in producing suspicion and addiction through the social network that seems to be a profitable business of human emotion.

Another hidden rule that needs critical reflection is how social networks have imposed new understanding of enjoyment. It means we have reached a stage where we have confirmed certain ways of enjoyment which define whether we are enjoying or not. If one is not part of the confirmed scheme of enjoyment, s/he is not performing his moral duty. Scientifically and psychologically, sense of enjoyment is associated with the mood of an individual. It is interesting to note that enjoyment becomes kind of a burden because mood does not have an independent identity. It has to function in relation with the social factors eg morality, good, bad and evil.

If we study history carefully then we will find that the process of defining, inventing and forming morality, good and evil, is undemocratic because few were assigned this task. If it is so, how can something that comes out of an undemocratic process be democratic?

But it does happen because all those who are not given a share in defining enjoyment are made to believe that the list of enjoyment keeps

a good care of all and it is in common interest. The maker and the giver of enjoyment ask the taker of enjoyment not for their opinion but their conformity and through their conformity, they make enjoyment as a part of their duty and not of their right.

The sense of enjoyment shifts from the self to the others. Here, I mean we need others to make ourselves believe that we are happy. In post-modern society, we have become the seller of enjoyment. The interesting psychological fact about the seller is that s/he never consumes or relishes little of what he/she produces or sells. It is because of the burden or duty of selling that we compromise our basic and natural instinct of enjoyment.

Friedrich Nietzsche, in his work "Thus Spoke Zarathustra", argued that "ever since there have been humans, the human being has enjoyed himself too little: that alone, my friend is our original sin." I think that this statement is relevant to the present context of post-modern society. Now the question arises: Where do we sell or buy our enjoyment? Today, we have created several means or networks where we can buy and sell enjoyment eg Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Whatsapp.

It is interesting to note that we are no longer free to enjoy but we are forced or obliged to enjoy. We check our Facebook and Twitter account to get some enjoyment. The desire of enjoyment is very natural to us and

there is nothing wrong to have it. But my problem is with the pretence of enjoyment.

The moment we open our Facebook account, we become subject to certain rules which put limitations on the self-mastery or individuality of enjoyment. For example, sometimes we like those photos or posts of friends that we do not want to like but have to like because we also want to get our posts and photos liked. Therefore, we create a market for those products which give us a sense of enjoyment.

It is because of a discourse that Facebook is always treated as an instrument of spreading happiness. But with a closer psychological analysis we will find that it is at the same time an instrument of spreading jealousy, enmity, and unhappiness. The problem with this new market and its product of enjoyment is that it tells us how we can make ourselves happy, and not how we can make ourselves worthy of happiness.

The need of the hour is to examine the unexamined rules of enjoyment, to challenge the producers of enjoyment discourse who have played an authoritarian role in giving meaning to our emotions without our consent. We need to preserve and protect the individuality of enjoyment to make it worthy.

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# Advent of inevitable water wars

Water is largely limited and has no alternative. Global demographics are changing and population is spiking like never before. These factors call for a cohesive international effort to forestall the water shortages of the future. And by so, we will be able to forestall the conflicts as well



KOTA SRIRAJ

Each one of us have already experienced the impact of water shortages at some point of our lives and definitely expressed our gratitude when the scarcity passed. However, these instances of water shortages might come back sooner than expected and might, perhaps, stay permanently. Water scarcity is the lack of sufficient available water resources to meet the demands of water usage within a region. It affects every continent and around 2.8 billion people across the world at least one month out of every year. More than 1.2 billion people lack access to clean drinking water.

Water scarcity can manifest itself as water stress, shortage or

deficits and water crisis. While the concept of water stress is relatively new, it may refer to the difficulty in obtaining fresh water sources and the deterioration and depletion of the available water sources.

Water shortages may be caused due to climate change factors such as altered weather patterns, including droughts or floods, increased pollution, rise in human demand and overuse of water. Water crisis is a situation where the available potable, unpolluted water within a region is less than that demanded by the region. Many countries across the world are already grappling with different manifestations of water problems.

Given the sensitivity of the issue of water scarcity, the World Economic Forum has already listed this problem as one of the largest global risk in terms of potential impact over the next decade. Currently, a mere 0.014 per cent of all water on Earth is fresh and easily accessible. Of the remain-

ing water, 97 per cent is saline and a little less than three per cent is hard to access.

Though there is sufficient amount of freshwater on the global scale, due to unequal distribution and worsening climate change, some geographic locations have ample availability whereas the rest are exceptionally dry. This accompanied by a sharp rise in global freshwater demand in recent decades, driven by industry, is causing humanity to experience water crisis like never before. If this continues, the demand for water is expected to outstrip supply by 40 per cent by 2030. This is bound to give rise to conflicts.

The ongoing tussle between India and Pakistan over Indus waters is an apt example of the conflict that we are increasingly bound to notice in other parts of the world as well. For decades, the Indus Waters Treaty kept the two countries from entering into a full-fledged conflict but that seems to be

a thing of the past as exploding population, worsened by climate change, is forcing the neighbours to fight for every bit of the natural resource. So much so that even cross-border terrorism is now a subject of discussion around which the sharing of waters is concerned. This was bound to happen.

Where there is sufficient resource, there is never a conflict but when the same becomes scarce, it brings conflicts of scale. Tired of one-way courtesies from its side in the face of relentless cross-border and state-sponsored terrorism by Pakistan, India is now changing gears and water has become a diplomatic leverage weapon. India recently fast-tracked hydropower projects worth \$15 billion in Kashmir. Projects in the form of nine dams will be completed following the due procedures and requisite clearances. These dams will help Pakistan understand that the act of abetting terrorism has led to a cost where an already scarce resource is

all set to become even scantier.

Apart from this, many other countries across the world are already locked in conflict over water resources. The Nile basin water, for instance, has been a source of dispute between Egypt and Ethiopia as is the Turkey, Syria and Iraq conflict over the waters of Tigris-Euphrates. These conflicts seem to be only rising.

Even within the country, India has seen ample disputes between various States, such as the Cauvery river dispute between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. As climate gets worse, aided by global warming, these face-offs will only get worse. The solution is to change the focus from right-based claims on waters to need-based claims.

Countries need to appreciate that some regions have more need for water than the other, purely due to the punishing impact of climate change, population explosion or a recent drought. In these circumstances, stakeholders must put aside

matters of rights over waters and adopt a humanitarian approach and let the other side survive through the tough period by getting access to more water.

In order to allow humanitarian spirit guide the water matters, Governments must be strong enough to allow mature dialogue between stakeholders. This will surely dissuade conflicts and discourage warmongers who tend to accelerate resource clashes into bigger conflicts for certain gains.

This, unfortunately, results in armed engagements which results in loss of lives. Water is largely limited and has no alternative. Global demographics are changing and population is spiking like never before. These factors call for a cohesive and united international effort to forestall the water shortages of future. And by so, we will be able to forestall the conflicts as well.

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## HARPING ON BIAS ALLEGATIONS

Google has gotten ahead of the impending debate by signaling its support for a federal privacy framework, but it's up to lawmakers to turn vague protection principles into meaningful policy. That means ensuring users know and have some say in what data companies are collecting from them, exactly what it is being used for and who else is getting to see it.

(The Washington Post editorial)

# IIP grows fastest in 11 mths at 8.1% in Oct



**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**  
India's industrial output grew at an 11-month high of 8.1 per cent in October mainly on the back of mining, power and manufacturing sectors coupled with higher offtake of capital as well as consumer durable goods.  
Industrial production measured in terms of Index of Industrial Production (IIP) grew 1.8 per cent in October last year, as per official data released by the Central Statistics Office (CSO) Wednesday.  
The previous high IIP growth rate was recorded in November last year at 8.5 per cent. The growth for September

remained unchanged at 4.5 per cent compared to provisional data released last month.  
During the April-October period, industrial output grew 5.6 per cent as compared to 2.5 per cent in the same period of the previous fiscal.  
Manufacturing sector, which constitutes 77.63 per cent of the index, recorded 7.9 per cent growth in October as against 2 per cent year ago. Mining sector posted 7 per cent growth during the month as against a contraction of 0.2 per cent in October 2017.  
The power sector output also grew by 10.8 per cent in the month compared to 3.2 per cent a year ago.  
The capital goods sector

saw a 16.8 per cent output growth in the month, up from 3.5 per cent a year ago. Consumer durables expanded at 17.6 per cent as compared to a contraction of 9 per cent a year earlier.  
In terms of industries, 21 out of 23 industry groups in the manufacturing sector have shown positive growth during October 2018.  
As per use-based classification, the growth rates in October 2018 over October 2017 are 6.0 per cent in primary goods, 1.8 per cent in intermediate goods and 8.7 per cent in infrastructure/construction goods. The consumer non-durables have recorded growth a 7.9 per cent growth.

# Nov retail inflation slumps to 17-month low on easing food prices



**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**  
Retail inflation plunged to a 17-month low in November at 2.33 per cent, mainly on account of decline in prices of kitchen essentials like vegetables, eggs and pulses.  
Retail inflation, which is calculated on the consumer price index (CPI), for October this year has been revised slightly up at 3.38 per cent from 3.31 per cent earlier, data from the Central Statistics Office (CSO) showed Wednesday.  
In the year-ago period (November 2017), it was at 4.88 per cent.  
Retail inflation, a key input for the RBI to decide on its monetary policy, was lower than this in June 2017 when it stood at 1.46 per cent, as per data by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI). The

CSO comes under MOSPI.  
The overall food inflation showed a negative print of 2.61 per cent in November against an uptick of 0.86 per cent in October.  
Vegetables prices showed a sharp decline with inflation standing at (-)15.59 per cent in November as against (-) 8.06 per cent in the previous month.  
For pulses and its products, the rate of deflation slowed a tad at (-) 9.22 per cent from (-) 10.28 per cent. Protein rich eggs inflation came in at (-) 3.92 per cent as against 2.21 per cent in October.  
For fuel and light category, the rate of price rise eased to 7.39 per cent during the month from 8.55 per cent.  
However, meat and fish turned costlier at 4.99 per cent from 3.02 per cent. For fruits, the inflation moderated to 0.21 per cent from 0.35 per cent.

# Will try to uphold RBI autonomy, credibility, says new Governor Das



**PTI ■ MUMBAI**  
RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das Wednesday said he will try to uphold the autonomy, credibility and the integrity of the "great institution" and take every stakeholder, including the Government, along in a consultative manner.  
The former bureaucrat, who took over the reins of the Reserve Bank earlier in the day following the resignation of Urjit Patel, said he will take measures which the economy requires in a timely manner and as the first step, will meet the heads of public sector banks.  
Addressing media hours after taking over as the 25th

Governor of RBI, the former Union finance secretary who was the pointsman for the Government during the demonetisation in November 2016, describing the bank as a "great institution".  
"I will uphold the autonomy, integrity and credibility of RBI as an institution. I will ensure that it is intact," he said. "The RBI is a great institution, has a long and rich legacy," he added.  
The Government is the key stakeholder and the owner which run the nation, he said.  
Das parried queries on differences with the Government that led to his predecessor's resignation Monday.  
"I wouldn't go into the issues between RBI and

Government but every institution has to maintain its autonomy and also adhere to accountability," Das said.  
"I don't know whether the Government-RBI relationship is blocked, but I feel stakeholder consultations have to go on," he said.  
On the Parliamentary mandate on the RBI as an inflation targeting central bank, he said it's heartening to know that inflation is on target with a benign outlook.  
"Inflation targeting is an important function as it is a mandated requirement of RBI now," Das said.  
The RBI central board meeting will take place on December 14 as scheduled, he said.

## CANCELLATION OF TRAINS DURING FOG

During the foggy weather the following Passenger trains will remain cancelled from 14.12.2018 to 15.02.2019 as under:-

Train No.	Train Name	Cancelled on Frequency/Day
64517	Ambala Cantt. - Nangal Dam MEMU	Fri, Sat, Sun
64518	Nangal Dam - Ambala Cantt. MEMU	Fri, Sat, Sun
74994	Ambala Cantt. - Kurukshetra DEMU	Daily
74993	Kurukshetra - Ambala Cantt. DEMU	Daily
54765	Dhuri - Bhatinda Passenger	Daily
54766	Bhatinda - Dhuri Passenger	Daily
64483	Kurukshetra - Ambala Cantt. MEMU	Daily
74912	Jalandhar City - Hoshiarpur DEMU	Daily
74911	Hoshiarpur - Jalandhar City DEMU	Daily
74641	Jalandhar City - Amritsar DEMU	Daily
74643	Jalandhar City - Amritsar DEMU	Daily
74642	Amritsar - Jalandhar City DEMU	Daily
74984	Fazilka Jn. - Kot Kapura DEMU	Daily
74981	Kot Kapura - Fazilka Jn. DEMU	Daily
74648	Jalandhar City - Ludhiana DEMU	Daily
74647	Ludhiana - Jalandhar City DEMU	Daily
74675	Amritsar - Pathankot DEMU	Daily
74672	Pathankot - Amritsar DEMU	Daily
74931	Jalandhar City - Firozpur Cantt. DEMU	Daily
74938	Firozpur Cantt. - Jalandhar City DEMU	Daily
74973	Firozpur Cantt. - Fazilka Jn. DEMU	Daily
74976	Fazilka Jn. - Firozpur Cantt. DEMU	Daily
54051	Ludhiana - Firozpur Cantt. Passenger	Daily
54052	Firozpur Cantt. - Ludhiana Passenger	Daily
74201	Partapgarh - Lucknow DEMU	6 Days a Week
74202	Lucknow - Partapgarh DEMU	6 Days a Week
64207	Lucknow - Kanpur Central MEMU	Daily
64212	Kanpur Central - Lucknow Jn. MEMU	Daily
64205	Lucknow - Kanpur Central MEMU	Daily
64210	Kanpur Central - Lucknow MEMU	Daily
54281	Sultanpur - Lucknow Passenger	Daily
54284	Lucknow - Sultanpur Passenger	Daily
54261	P. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya - Jaunpur Passenger	Daily
54262	Jaunpur - P. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Passenger	Daily
54293	Partapgarh - Lucknow Passenger	Daily
54294	Lucknow - Partapgarh Passenger	Daily
54110	Faizabad - P. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Passenger	Daily
54109	P. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya - Faizabad Passenger	Daily
54201	Lucknow - Rahimabad Passenger	Weekly
64274	Lucknow Jn. - Barabanki MEMU	Daily
64275	Barabanki - Lucknow Jn. MEMU	Daily
54375	Prayag - Jaunpur Passenger	Daily
54376	Jaunpur - Prayag Passenger	Daily
54255	Varanasi - Lucknow Passenger	Daily
54256	Lucknow - Varanasi Passenger	Daily
64213	Lucknow Jn. - Kanpur Central MEMU	Daily
64254	Kanpur Central - Lucknow Jn. MEMU	Daily
54102	Kanpur Central - Prayag Passenger	Daily
54101	Prayag - Kanpur Central Passenger	Daily
54251	Lucknow - Saharanpur Passenger	Daily
54252	Saharanpur - Lucknow Passenger	Daily
54232	Lucknow - Faizabad Passenger	Daily
54233	Faizabad - Lucknow Passenger	Daily
54254	Lucknow - Prayag Passenger	Daily
54253	Prayag - Lucknow Passenger	Daily
54371	Prayag - Faizabad Passenger	Daily
54372	Faizabad - Prayag Passenger	Daily
54228	Rae Bareilly - Unchahar Passenger	Daily
54227	Unchahar - Rae Bareilly Passenger	Daily

## India's air connectivity grew fastest in five years, says IATA

**PTI ■ GENEVA**  
India's air connectivity has grown the fastest in the last five years and there is "strong growth" ahead in terms of domestic passenger numbers though there are infrastructure challenges, according to global airlines' body IATA.  
India is the fastest growing domestic aviation market in the world, IATA's Chief Economist Brian Pearce said. The country registered double-digit growth in domestic aviation market for the 50th consecutive month in October.  
An analysis by the International Airport Transport Association (IATA) showed that air connectivity grew the fastest at 114 per cent in the five-year period from 2013-2018.  
"Many of the markets where connectivity has grown fastest, unsurprisingly are in Asia - India (114 per cent), China and Indonesia..." the grouping said in a presentation during the Global Media Day here.  
As per the IATA, which is a grouping of around 290 air-

## Legacy staff cost, tariff war, absence of 4G service plaguing MTNL

**PTI ■ NEW DELHI**  
The Government on Wednesday said legacy staff cost, cut throat tariff war, and absence of 4G services are some of the major reasons for losses at State-owned telecom firm MTNL.  
Telecom Minister Manoj Sinha informed the Lok Sabha that the Department of Telecom has received revival plan of MTNL, which has been declared 'Incipient Sick', as per the Department of Public Enterprises guidelines.  
Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) has licence to operate in Delhi and Mumbai.  
"One of the major reasons for losses of MTNL is huge legacy staff cost. Besides, the service revenue is declining due to intense competition resulting into cut throat tariffs, inability of MTNL to infuse capital expenditure (CAPEX) to upgrade its network. All pri-

lines, connectivity is the "extent to which a country is integrated into the global air transport network".  
In recent years, many foreign as well as Indian carriers have commenced flights to and from various Indian cities. About domestic passenger growth, Pearce said that there is strong growth ahead but the challenge is with infrastructure and that airports are crowded.  
"We need more terminals and runway capacities... We have seen concession (agreements) for many airports leading to large rises in airport charges," he noted.  
On steps being taken in India to address the infrastructure issues, he said additional capacity is being put in place and some very good modern airports being built which is a "real positive".  
Noting that the cost of using those airports is high, Pearce said it is because the "economic regulations have not been strong as we would have hoped because concession agreements were made with very large royalties".

## Rupee tumbles 16 paise, breaches 72-mark vs USD

**PTI ■ MUMBAI**  
The rupee declined by 16 paise to close at 72.01 against the US dollar Wednesday amid strengthening of the greenback and rising crude oil prices even as the equity markets staged a sharp upmove.  
At the Interbank Foreign Exchange (forex) market, the local unit opened lower at 72.10 and fell further to touch the day's low of 72.17.  
The domestic currency, however, pared some losses and finally ended at 72.01 per dollar, down by 16 paise against its previous close.  
On Tuesday, the Indian rupee had plunged 53 paise to 71.85 per US dollar.  
The weakness in the rupee comes amid the prompt appointment of former bureaucrat Shaktikanta Das as the new RBI Governor.  
Fitch Ratings on Wednesday said the resignation of Urjit Patel as Reserve Bank Governor highlights the risks to RBI's policy priorities and increased Government influence on the central bank could under-

## Axis Bank launches QuikPay Home Loan; a Monthly Instalments Plan

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**  
Axis Bank, the country's third largest private bank, today launched 'QuikPay Home Loan', a home loan offering that will let home buyers save the interest amount component of the loan. QuikPay Home Loan will offer an alternative repayment structure, wherein the customer repays an equal amount of principal every month along with interest on the outstanding balance.  
Thus an equated principal amount combined with reducing interest amount component will lead to reducing monthly instalments. As a result, there will be an overall reduction in total interest amount component paid over the entire tenure of the home loan, thereby benefiting the customer.  
Instead of EMIs (equated monthly instalments), the customer will pay reducing monthly instalments. While the initial instalments will be higher (than the EMI on the same loan amount for the same tenure), the instalment amount keeps reducing throughout the loan tenure.  
mine the efforts to address bad loan problems.  
Forex traders said the rupee came under pressure following strengthening of the dollar against major global currencies overseas and rise in crude oil prices. However, a significant surge in domestic equities capped the fall.  
The BSE Sensex zoomed 629.06 points, or 1.79 per cent, to end at 35,779.07, while the broader NSE Nifty rallied 188.45 points, or 1.79 per cent, to 10,737.60.  
Brent crude, the international benchmark, was trading at \$61.23 per barrel Wednesday, higher by 1.71 per cent.  
The Financial Benchmark India Private Ltd (FBIL) set the reference rate for the rupee/dollar at 72.0407 and for rupee/euro at 81.5928.  
The reference rate for rupee/British pound was fixed at 90.0393 and for rupee/100 Japanese yen was 63.50.



**SHORT TERMINATION/ORIGINATING/PARTIAL CANCELLATION OF TRAIN FROM 14.12.18 TO 15.02.19**

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# Sensex soars 630 points, Nifty reclaims 10,700-mark

PTI ■ MUMBAI

Benchmark indices defied gravity for the second straight session on Wednesday as investors gave a thumbs-up to the prompt appointment of former bureaucrat Shaktikanta Das as the new RBI Governor. The BSE Sensex zoomed 629.06 points, or 1.79 per cent, to end at 35,779.07, while the broader NSE Nifty rallied 188.45 points, or 1.79 per cent, to 10,737.60.

Major gainers in the Sensex pack were Hero Motocorp, which rallied 7.01 per cent, followed by Bharti Airtel (6.69 per cent), Yes Bank (5.30 per cent), Adani Ports (4.90 per cent), Tata Steel (3.75 per cent) and Bajaj Auto (3.70 per cent). Analysts said the quick appointment of the new RBI governor and expectations of more steps to ease the liquidity situation bolstered trading sentiment. Former economic affairs secretary Shaktikanta Das Wednesday assumed charge as the 25th governor of the RBI. He replaces Urjit Patel, who abruptly resigned amid a face-

off with the government over issues related to governance and autonomy of the central bank. On the appointment, SBI Chairman Rajnish Kumar said: "This will ensure continuity in monetary policy making and regulatory measures even as the global economy is passing through uncertain times. The financial markets will also significantly benefit from the appointment of newly appointed Governor given his rich prior experience in fiscal policies and trade. This will also ensure a convergence of domestic and external policies." Meanwhile, foreign funds sold shares worth ₹2,421.06

crore on a net basis Tuesday, while domestic institutional investors bought equities worth Rs 2,255.68 crore, provisional data showed. Brent crude oil futures was trading 1.86 per cent higher at USD 61.32 per barrel. Elsewhere in Asia, Korea's Kospi rose 1.44 per cent, Japan's Nikkei soared 2.15 per cent, Hong Kong's Hang Seng surged 1.61 per cent and Shanghai Composite Index inched up 0.31 per cent. In Europe, Frankfurt's DAX rose by 1.04 per cent and Paris' CAC 40 jumped 1.57 per cent in early deals. London's FTSE 100 soared 1.11 per cent.

# Mutual funds log ₹1.4L crore inflows in Nov

New Delhi: Investors pumped in over Rs 1.4 lakh crore into various mutual fund schemes in November, with liquid schemes accounting for most of the inflows. With the latest inflow, the total infusion in mutual fund (MF) schemes reached about ₹2.23 crore in the first eight months (April-November) of the current fiscal, latest data with the Association of Mutual Funds in India (Amfi) showed.

"We appreciate the maturity shown by retail investors in staying invested in the markets, in spite of the volatility over the last few months," Amfi chief eExecutive N S Venkatesh said. "Overall, both inflows and AUM have shown an upward trend. The industry added over 1.5 lakh unique investors last month," he added. According to the data, investors poured in a net ₹1,42,359 crore in MF schemes last month, compared to an investment of Rs 35,529 crore in October. However, they had pulled out ₹2.3 lakh crore in September, which market participants attributed to nervousness among corporate investors following the IL&FS default.

# GST evasion worth ₹12,000 cr detected between Apr-Nov

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

The government has detected GST evasion worth ₹12,000 crore in 8 months till November, a senior tax official said Wednesday. Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) member John Joseph said despite the electronic way or E-way bill mechanism there has been rampant evasion and there is a need to increase compliance. "We started anti-eva-

sion measures from April onwards, and from April-November we have detected ₹12,000 crore of GST evasion. This is huge compared to what happened in central excise or service tax side. There is huge evasion. There are smarter guys outside who knows how to pocket the money," Joseph said addressing an Assocham event. Joseph, who looks after investigation in the CBIC, said almost Rs 8,000 crore worth GST evasion has been recovered by the tax offi-

cial. Goods and Services Tax (GST), which subsumed 17 local taxes, including excise duty and service tax, was introduced on July 1, 2017. Since it was a new tax, the government had decided to go slow on enforcement action in the initial months of its implementation. Joseph said only 5-10 per cent of the 1.2 crore assesseees are evading GST and bringing a bad name to the industry. "We need to improve compliance mechanism." On industry concerns as to

whether a change in government might lead to an overhaul of the GST process, Joseph said: "With all the apprehensions that you have, whether the election results are going to be bad for the GST or not, I can tell you very clearly that the same politicians whether in opposition or ruling party, they all came together to conceive this. "There may be some changes in law, some procedural changes can definitely happen, but it will not be lock, stock, and barrel as in

the case of Malaysia." He said the GST Council, comprising the Centre and states, had taken all decision relating to the new indirect tax regime. The CBIC member also said the new GST return forms will have a beta version initially, so that industry has enough time to suggest what could be done to improve the quality of returns. In July, the CBIC had put up in public domain draft GST return forms 'Sahaj' and 'Sugam' and sought public comments.

## NIFTY 50

SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
NIFTY 50	10591.00	10752.20	10560.80	10737.60	188.45
BHARTIARTL	294.00	311.00	291.50	311.00	20.75
ICILHSFCNG	709.00	743.00	708.00	740.80	47.90
HEROMOTOCO	3055.00	3274.25	3040.60	3248.00	209.20
ADANIAPORTS	357.00	376.15	355.55	374.85	19.10
UPL	750.10	794.30	750.10	785.50	37.55
YESBANK	182.00	187.50	181.55	186.50	8.65
EICHERMOT	22640.60	23850.00	22640.60	23643.00	1002.40
TATASTEEL	506.00	523.50	505.50	520.75	20.00
M&M	725.00	753.00	721.25	750.50	28.15
TATAMOTORS	159.50	167.10	158.00	164.00	5.90
BAJAJ-AUTO	2742.00	2858.00	2738.65	2839.25	99.65
GAIL	335.00	345.50	331.10	343.75	11.20
IOC	132.00	136.90	131.65	136.35	4.40
ONGC	139.50	142.50	138.85	142.50	4.40
BAJAJFINSV	5851.00	6023.60	5851.00	6001.00	173.85
AXISBANK	604.75	622.00	603.00	622.00	17.75
VEDL	194.55	200.75	193.55	199.20	5.65
LT	1368.60	1407.65	1365.50	1399.00	37.60
CIPLA	522.90	534.30	521.10	532.05	13.35
HINDALCO	218.00	222.90	217.00	221.55	5.00
BAFINANCE	2445.00	2514.90	2434.35	2485.40	58.65
HINDUNILVR	1796.00	1845.05	1795.95	1838.15	43.25
NTPC	137.95	141.60	136.90	140.45	3.10
MARUTI	7340.00	7507.30	7295.00	7464.50	159.15
COALINDIA	241.50	247.75	239.80	247.05	4.95
SUNPHARMA	426.70	433.70	429.10	430.80	8.50
ICICIBANK	342.80	351.70	339.40	349.15	6.35
ULTRACEMCO	3886.90	3950.00	3873.85	3940.30	66.20
INDUSINDBK	1565.00	1589.70	1555.00	1578.90	26.10
TECHM	700.00	711.20	690.55	706.95	11.65
HDFC	1912.00	1946.00	1924.25	1937.00	31.75
SBIN	363.75	385.85	362.20	383.30	4.05
HCLTECH	965.00	974.00	943.30	970.35	13.50
KOTAKBANK	1229.40	1261.00	1224.20	1234.00	15.30
HDFCBANK	2066.95	2089.80	2060.10	2084.60	25.05
RELIANCE	1099.00	1113.50	1087.75	1110.90	13.35
POWERGRID	180.90	183.80	180.70	182.35	2.05
GRASIM	805.00	816.00	797.30	809.65	9.15
ITC	275.70	277.70	272.60	277.25	2.55
TCS	2001.10	2022.00	1984.95	2016.50	16.50
WIPRO	329.80	332.00	327.95	330.45	2.45
JSWSTEEL	303.40	307.50	299.45	302.60	1.65
ZEEL	480.05	483.95	476.25	481.55	2.65
INFY	677.10	680.65	670.60	678.10	3.60
BPCIL	326.70	330.25	324.40	328.40	1.65
ASIANPAINT	1323.00	1337.20	1311.85	1330.00	6.40
TTAN	937.50	938.10	910.00	929.50	-3.65
HINDPETRO	221.00	221.30	216.60	218.90	-1.20
INFRATEL	253.90	256.30	250.00	251.20	-1.95
DREDDY	2670.00	2711.55	2534.10	2597.05	-119.10

## NIFTY NEXT 50

SCRIP	OPEN	High	LOW	LTP	CHANGE
NIFTY NEXT 50	26967.10	27471.65	26950.45	27408.55	598.20
MCDOWELL-N	615.00	643.00	610.70	642.50	31.80
L&TFH	138.00	144.40	138.00	143.80	6.30
GODREJPCP	750.05	773.35	744.00	773.35	31.30
DABUR	414.15	432.95	413.70	429.15	16.70
SHREECEM	16080.00	16719.25	16050.00	16622.00	628.10
MOTHERSUMI	152.50	159.35	151.05	155.25	5.80
DLF	172.80	181.30	171.10	178.00	6.55
MARICO	339.00	374.60	356.30	371.80	13.15
BANKBARODA	110.00	114.65	109.40	112.90	3.85
OFSS	3518.60	3660.00	3518.60	3655.00	116.40
ACC	141.25	148.95	143.20	148.00	47.15
SAIL	51.00	52.90	50.90	52.35	1.65
MBF	6627.00	6890.00	6622.00	6830.00	2128.30
LICHSGFIN	457.20	451.70	437.20	448.80	12.70
NMDC	91.55	94.20	91.30	93.85	2.50
PIDILITIND	1134.90	1156.20	1112.90	1151.75	30.50
BHEL	65.00	66.95	64.60	66.35	1.75
PETRONET	208.45	212.90	207.60	212.55	5.60
ICICIPRULI	307.40	315.35	307.40	314.85	8.25
COLPAL	1246.00	1279.50	1237.00	1277.10	33.20
PEL	2128.00	2156.65	2092.00	2142.00	54.40
SIEMENS	939.40	972.70	939.25	961.90	24.30
ICICI	890.00	927.00	890.00	918.00	22.60
CADILAH	348.00	354.90	348.00	353.10	7.45
ABB	1422.00	1449.00	1397.30	1430.00	30.05
HDFCLIFE	384.80	396.65	384.80	393.00	8.25
BRITANNIA	3001.80	3074.00	3000.25	3060.00	62.80
ASHOKLEY	691.00	709.35	687.55	705.25	13.85
HAVELLS	104.20	106.85	104.05	105.15	1.95
SUNTV	560.00	570.85	558.00	570.00	10.25
REL	79.40	81.90	79.25	80.05	1.30
SHILPE	567.75	572.00	562.80	571.30	8.65
BANDHANBNK	472.00	482.00	468.40	474.00	7.15
BIOCON	634.90	645.25	632.00	638.05	8.40
SRTANSFIN	1144.95	1171.00	1120.20	1158.90	14.35
AMBUJACEM	213.00	218.60	213.25	215.40	2.30
IDEA	34.20	35.65	34.05	34.60	0.35
AUROPHARMA	735.95	747.85	729.05	740.85	6.30
PGH	9690.00	9720.00	9601.00	9689.95	82.20
DMART	1580.00	1579.50	1547.00	1557.00	10.50
OIL	173.95	175.75	172.80	174.65	0.65
BOSCHLTD	19146.50	19300.00	19034.00	19170.00	64.45
NHPC	26.05	26.30	26.05	26.15	0.05
HINDZINC	274.00	278.35	274.00	274.65	0.30
GICRE	276.00	279.00	273.50	276.05	0.10
ARCAPITAL	98.20	101.65	97.65	98.20	-0.10
NIACL	200.00	200.90	197.20	198.05	-0.50
INDIGO	1026.00	1040.50	1015.75	1021.00	-16.00
LUPIN	837.00	847.70	813.00	834.40	-10.60
CONCOR	69.10	66.95	64.80	64.95	-12.15

## BSE 500

Script Traded	Last Price	Abs Change	Change %
3MINDIA	22400.00	1396.65	6.65
8KMILES	162.90	7.75	5.00
AARTIIND	1464.65	58.10	4.13
ABB	1432.15	29.75	2.12
ABBOTINDIA	7510.00	160.85	2.19
ARCAPITAL	98.50	0.35	0.36
ARFRL	200.30	16.55	9.01
ACC	1481.10	47.00	3.28
ADANIAPORTS	374.40	17.50	4.90
ADANIPOWER	52.70	1.75	3.43
ADANITRANS	216.00	6.10	2.91
ADVENZYMES	175.90	2.85	1.65
AEGISUP	206.00	1.80	0.91
ALAENG	1678.00	52.90	3.26
AJANTHAPHARM	1095.60	21.20	1.97
AJZINDIA	1546.25	17.80	1.16
ALBK	46.25	1.95	4.40
ALKEM	1896.05	-30.60	-1.59
ALLCARGO	106.00	1.55	1.48
AMARAJABAT	731.95	16.05	2.24
AMBUJACEM	216.30	3.90	1.84
ANDHRABANK	28.15	1.35	5.04
APARINDS	616.35	-3.15	-0.51
APLAPOLLO	1320.00	36.70	2.86
APLLTD	616.00	-2.15	-0.35
APOLLOHOSP	1216.00	35.65	3.02
APOLLOTYRE	237.45	3.55	1.52
ASAHINDIA	261.75	6.60	2.59
ASHOKA	130.00	3.15	2.48
ASHOKLEY	105.40	2.50	2.43
ASIANPAINT	1328.70	4.75	0.36
ASTERDM	152.00	1.75	1.16
ASTRAL	1065.90	35.20	3.42
ATUL	3270.40	-3.95	-0.12
AUBANK	614.65	20.70	3.49
AUROPHARMA	740.10	3.75	0.51
AVANTI	348.55	5.10	1.48
AXISBANK	619.35	15.10	2.50
BAJAJ-AUTO	2847.30	101.50	3.70
BAJAJCORP	350.10	7.25	2.11
BAJAJELEC	475.00	3.95	0.84
BAJAJFINSV	5985.35	144.95	2.48
BAJAJHLDNG	2966.20	28.45	0.97
BAJFINANCE	2483.55	52.20	2.15
BALKRISIND	933.00	40.00	4.48
BALMLAWRIE	181.30	0.25	0.14
BALRAMCHIN	105.85	5.90	5.90
BANDHANBNK	473.35	4.45	0.95
BANKBARODA	113.10	4.35	4.06
BANKINDIA	85.70	5.95	7.46
BASF	1585.80	35.25	2.27
BATAINDIA	1085.00	15.85	1.48
BAYECROP	4271.00	-36.55	-0.85
BBTC	1311.00	72.95	5.89
BEL	80.30	1.25	1.58
BEML	744.70	17.15	2.36
BERGEPAINT	317.65	5.75	1.84
BHARATFIN	989.25	4.15	0.42
BHARATFORG	512.25	13.95	2.80
BHARTIARTL	309.50	19.40	6.69
BHEL	66.35	1.70	2.63
BIOCON	637.00	7.60	1.21
BIRLACORPN	585.00	-0.35	-0.06
BLISSGUL	142.70	-1.15	-0.80
BLUEDART	3100.00	42.00	1.37
BLUESTARCO	649.70	11.30	1.77
BOMBYNDR	94.90	4.50	4.98
BOSCHLTD	19197.95	99.45	0.52
BPCIL	329.45	3.45	1.06
BRITANNIA	3058.70	58.10	

# May to face no-confidence vote

PTI ■ LONDON

Embattled British Prime Minister Theresa May will face a vote of no-confidence on Wednesday triggered by her own party lawmakers over her handling of the controversial Brexit deal, as she vowed to fight the latest challenge to her leadership with "everything I have got".

May is set to face a vote of no-confidence in her leadership after the required 48 MPs from her Conservative Party filed letters with the influential 1922 Committee, which represents rank-and-file Conservative MPs in the House of Commons.

"I will contest that vote with everything I have got," May said in a statement at Downing Street, warning that the leadership challenge will delay or even cancel Brexit.

"I stand ready to finish the job," the 62-year-old Prime Minister said.

May, who has been prime minister since shortly after the UK voted to leave the 28-member European Union in June, 2016, has faced criticism in her party for the Brexit plan she has negotiated.



Theresa May leaves 10 Downing Street to attend the weekly Prime Minister's Questions session, at Parliament in London on Wednesday

The vote, triggered amid ongoing divisions over her Brexit deal, will take place in the form of a secret ballot on Wednesday evening.

May will need to convince a majority of MPs (158 out of 315 Conservative MPs) to be able to win the vote and then her leadership cannot be challenged for at least a year under Tory party rules.

so far at least 147 Tory MPs have publicly said they will vote for her, with many of her Cabinet ministers coming out in her support.

However, if she loses, the party will have to elect a new leader who will then go on to become the next British Prime Minister.

Some possible frontrunners being named in the UK media include former foreign

secretary Boris Johnson, current foreign secretary Jeremy Hunt, home secretary Sajid Javid and work and pensions secretary Amber Rudd. But there does not seem to be a candidate with consensus across the pro and anti Brexit wings within the Tory party.

If there are multiple candidates, Conservative MPs hold

a series of votes to choose two to go forward to a vote of all party members. As leader of the largest party in the House of Commons, the new Conservative leader would then be expected to be asked to form a government and become Prime Minister, without the need for a general election.

## British PM faces angry MPs with Brexit deal in limbo

AFP ■ LONDON

Prime Minister Theresa May faces an angry parliament on Wednesday after delaying a key vote on her Brexit deal in a desperate move that leaves the agreement and her own future in limbo. The British leader toured European capitals on Tuesday in an attempt to salvage the deal, after MPs savaged its provisions on the issue of the Irish border.

May said she wanted "assurances" from EU leaders that if Britain ever entered the so-called "backstop" arrangement for the border, this would

only be "temporary". But she also said it was "the best deal available", adding: "There's no deal available that doesn't have a backstop".

She received sympathy from EU partners but firm rejections of any attempt to reopen the agreement, which was approved by EU leaders last month following tortuous negotiations.

"There is no room whatsoever for renegotiation but of course there is room, if used intelligently, to give further clarification," European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker said ahead of talks with May on Tuesday.

## GLOBE TROTTING

### UN PUSHES FOR TRUCE CORRIDORS AT YEMEN

Rimbo (Sweden): Mediators in UN-brokered talks on Yemen pushed on Wednesday for a truce between warring parties as a crucial step to allow aid deliveries, with 24 hours left in the negotiations. Mediators are seeking a de-escalation of violence in two flashpoint cities: rebel-held Hodeida, a port city vital to the supply of humanitarian aid, and Taiz, Yemen's third largest city, scene of some of the war's most intense fighting.

### 27 TERRORISTS KILLED IN SINAI, BORDER WITH LIBYA

Cairo: Egypt says its security forces have killed at least 27 suspected terrorists in the restive northern Sinai Peninsula and along its porous border with Libya.

### SWEDEN FREEZES SUPPORT TO UN AIDS

Stockholm: Sweden said on Wednesday it was freezing its support to UNAIDS until its executive director is removed, after an expert report blasted the agency's leadership for systematically failing to address bullying, abuse and sexual harassment. The Swedish Govt has no confidence in Michel Sidibe to lead the organisation.

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT NOTICE INVITING QUOTATION

The Executive Engineer, (C) KKD Court Division, PWD Under Akshardham Flyover, Metro Pillar No. 50, Noida Mor Delhi-91 invites percentage rate tender on behalf of the President of India, from Approved and eligible contractors of CPWD, and also MES, BSNL and other state Govt. Departments dealing with buildings and roads and others experienced contractors by E-Tendering for the following work

- Name of Work : Providing and fixing aluminum window and replacement of door in chambers of D-block at KKD Court, dg.2018-19.  
NIT No 110/EE/KKD COURT DIVN./PWD/NIT/2018-19 ID No. 2 0 1 8 \_ P W D \_ 1 6 3 2 4 6 \_ 1  
Estimated Cost. Rs. 30,17,277/- Earnest money Rs. 60,346/- Period of completion 60 Days
- Name of Work: A/A to KKD court, Shahdara, Delhi dg.2018-19 SH:- Replacement of damaged doors, windows & misc. civil work in lawyers chamber 'G' block. (Balance work)  
NIT No 112/EE/KKD COURT DIVN./PWD/NIT/2018-19 ID No. 2 0 1 8 \_ P W D \_ 1 6 3 2 5 3 \_ 1  
Estimated Cost. Rs. 15,22,322/- Earnest money Rs. 30,446/- Period of completion 60 Days
- Name of Work: A/A to KKD court, Shahdara, Delhi dg.2018-19 SH:- Replacement of damaged Doors, windows & misc. civil work in lawyers chamber 'E' block. (Balance work)  
NIT No :- 113/EE/KKD COURT DIVN./PWD/NIT/2018-19 ID No. 2 0 1 8 \_ P W D \_ 1 6 3 2 6 7 \_ 1  
Estimated Cost. Rs. 17,21,861/- Earnest money Rs. 34,437/- Period of completion 60 Days
- Name of Work : A/A to KKD court, Shahdara, Delhi dg.2018-19 SH:- Replacement of damaged Doors, windows & misc. civil work in lawyers chamber 'F' block. (Balance work)  
NIT No :-114/EE/KKD COURT DIVN./PWD/NIT/2018-19 ID No. 2018\_PWD\_163282\_1  
Estimated Cost. Rs. 13,09,619/- Earnest money Rs. 26192/- Period of completion :- 60 Days

Last date and time of receipt of tender up to 15:00 PM on 20.12.2018 Date & time of opening of bid on 20.12.2018 at 15:30 PM Execution of similar works please see in NIT Earnest Money in favour of Executive Engineer CBM Divn. M-231, PWD Other details of tender can be obtained from the website: <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>

DIP/Shabdarth2443/18-19

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, DELHI NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

The Executive Engineer, PWD, West Road-1, R.R. Lines, Ring Road, Near Metro Pillar No. 63, New Delhi-110010 invites, on behalf of President of India, Online Percentage/ Item Rate tender on two bid system for following works.

NIT No. 58/EE/PWD WR-1/2018-19 Tender ID No. 2018\_PWDJ63199\_1. Name of Work: A/R & M/O Various Roads under PWD Sub Division WR-13, Division WR-1, New Delhi dg. 2018-19. (SH:- Repair and Maintenance of drain adjacent to DJB booster on shaheed Rajguru Marg.) Estimated Cost: Rs. 29,78,411/- Earnest Money: Rs. 59,568/- Time of Completion: 03 (Three) Months. The last date to fill/upload the tender through e-tendering is 17/12/2018 upto 03.00 AM.

NIT No. 59/EE/PWD WR-1/2018-19 Tender ID No. 2018\_PWD\_163203\_1. Name of Work: A/R & M/O Various Roads under Sub Division WR-13, Division WR-1, New Delhi dg. 2018-19. (SH:- Repair and maintenance of drain from Shiv Bhola mandir to Aggrawal Sweet Corner on Lala Ganesh Das Khatri Marg.) Estimated Cost: Rs. 15,35,520/- Earnest Money: Rs. 30,710/- Time of Completion: 02 (Two) Months. The last date to fill/upload the tender through e-tendering is 17/12/2018 upto 03.00 AM.

NIT No. 60/EE/PWD WR-1/2018-19 Tender ID No. 2018\_PWD\_163206\_1. Name of Work: A/R & M/O Various Roads under Sub Division WR-13, Division WR-1, New Delhi dg. 2018-19. (SH:- Installation of Signage Boards at Different Locations of Tilak Nagar Area.) Estimated Cost: Rs. 28,49,001/- Earnest Money: Rs. 56,980/- Time of Completion: 02 (Two) Months. The last date to fill/upload the tender through e-tendering is 17/12/2018 upto 03.00 P.M.

NIT No. 61/EE/PWD WR-1/2018-19 Tender ID No. 2018\_PWD\_163207\_1. Name of Work: A/R & M/O Various Roads under Sub Division WR-15, Division WR-1, New Delhi dg. 2018-19. (SH: Installation of Gantry Board on miscellaneous location under Rajouri garden Constituency Sec-II.) Estimated Cost: Rs. 72,46,746/- Earnest Money: Rs. 1,44,935/- Time of Completion: 03 (Three) Months. The last date to fill/upload the tender through e-tendering is 17/12/2018 upto 03.00 AM.

NIT No. 62/EE/PWD WR-1/2018-19 Tender ID No. 2018\_PWD\_163210\_1. Name of Work: A/R & M/O Various Roads under Sub Division WR-15, Division WR-1, New Delhi dg. 2018-19. (SH: Repair and Maintenance of PWD Roads by Patch Work under Tagore Garden area Section-I.) Estimated Cost: Rs. 12,75,607/- Earnest Money: Rs. 25,512/- Time of Completion: 04 (Four) Months. The last date to fill/upload the tender through e-tendering is 17/12/2018 upto 03.00 P.M.

The Bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website. <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>

DIP/Shabdarth2438/18-19

## Blow to Prez as Lankan Parl adopts confidence motion on ousted PM

PTI ■ COLOMBO

Sri Lanka's ousted prime minister Ranil Wickremesinghe emphatically proved his majority in Parliament on Wednesday, weeks after being sacked by President Maithripala Sirisena in a controversial move that plunged the island nation into a political turmoil.

As many as 117 out of 225 lawmakers in Parliament voted to pass a confidence motion in his leadership.

The motion's approval could be seen as a blow to President Sirisena who has



steadfastly refused to reapoint 69-year-old Wickremesinghe due to his personal dislike of the ousted prime minister.

Sri Lanka is going through a major political crisis since October 26 when President Maithripala Sirisena, in a controversial move, removed Wickremesinghe and installed

ex-strongman Mahinda Rajapaksa in his place.

Rajapaksa has so far failed to prove his majority in Parliament. The main Tamil minority party TNA voted in favour of the confidence motion. However, the Marxist JVP, which has protested Sirisena's extra constitutional action, abstained from voting.

If the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP)'s six lawmakers had voted in his favour, Wickremesinghe would have commanded an unassailable majority in the House despite the president's refusal to reinstate him.

## Pope removes 2 scandal-hit cardinals from inner circle

AFP ■ VATICAN CITY

Pope Francis has removed two prominent cardinals from his inner circle months after they were tainted by paedophile scandals.

Australian Cardinal George Pell and Chilean Cardinal Francisco Javier Errazuriz were both removed from the so-called C9 Council of Cardinals, an international advice body set up by Francis himself, the Vatican said Wednesday.

The last time the C9 met in September, Errazuriz, who is accused of ignoring reports of abuse in Chile, and Pell, who faces charges in Australia related to historical child sexual offences, were both absent, and the council said it was considering restructuring.

## Malaysian ex-PM slapped with new charge over 1MDB scandal

AP ■ KUALA LUMPUR

Former Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak was charged on Wednesday with tampering with the final audit report on a defunct state investment fund, adding to a long list of corruption allegations against him since his ouster in May elections.

Najib was charged along with Arul Kanda Kandasamy, the former head of the 1MDB fund, which is being investigated in the US and other countries for alleged cross-border embezzlement and money laundering.

Najib pleaded not guilty to abusing his power in ordering the modification of the report



in February 2016 before it was presented to the Public Accounts Committee, in order to protect himself from disciplinary and legal action.

Kandasamy, who was detained overnight by anti-graft officials, pleaded not guilty to abetting Najib.

The charges came after the auditor-general revealed last month that some details had been removed from the 1MDB report.

## PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr. P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Bhutte** S/o Ram Charan, R/o West Kamal Vihar, Gali No. 7, Nathupura, Burari, Delhi also at :- H. No. 217, Jahangir Puri, Delhi, also at :- Village Vilan Cakkar Pura pichune, Thana Ujian, Teshsil Roopwra, Distt. Bharat Pur (R.J) has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **F.I.R. No. 186/11 u/s 325/34/134 IPC** P.S. Kanjhawala, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon that the said **Bhutte** could not be found and where it has been shown to my satisfaction that the accused **Bhutte** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Bhutte** in **F.I.R. No. 186/11 u/s 325/34/134 IPC** P.S. Kanjhawala, Delhi is required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before **02.03.2019**. By Order

Sh. Anurag Thakur, Metropolitan Magistrate, (North-West)-02, Room No. 113, 1st Floor, Rohini Courts, Delhi

## Hunt for gunman after Strasbourg market attack kills three

AFP ■ STRASBOURG

Hundreds of security forces were on Wednesday deployed in the hunt for a lone gunman who killed at least three people and wounded a dozen others at the famed Christmas market in Strasbourg, with the French government raising the security alert level and reinforcing border controls.

Some 350 people, including police, troops and helicopters were on the heels of the attacker who had "sowed terror" in the city, Interior Minister Christophe Castaner said.

## Trump notes Strasbourg shooting to press for US border wall

AFP ■ WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump pointed on Wednesday to the mass shooting at a Christmas market in France to bolster his demands for funding to build a US border wall with Mexico.

Trump's tweet linking the issues came despite the fact that the suspect in Tuesday's attack in Strasbourg, France, is a native of the city with a criminal past and extremist views.

## SEARCH FOR MISSING



General Public is hereby informed that a girl **Namely: Priyanka, D/o Late Joginder Singh, R/o: H. No. D-37/2, Swaran Park, Nangloi, Delhi, Age: 14 Years, Height: 4'9", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Hair: Black, ID Mark: Cut mark on Nose & forehead, Wearing: Pink colour Suit-Salwar and fancy black chappale in feet, has been missing/kidnapped since 15.11.2018 from the area of PS Nangloi. In this regard **FIR No. 452/18 u/s 363 IPC**, Dated 17.11.2018, has been lodged at **PS. Nangloi, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing girl but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing girl please inform the undersigned.**

E-Mail ID: [cic@cbi.gov.in](mailto:cic@cbi.gov.in) SHO PS, Nangloi, Delhi, Ph: 011-25947225, 25949470

## UTTARAKHAND POWER CORPORATION LTD. CORRIGENDUM TO E-TENDER NOTICE

This office e-tender specification no. CCP-11/21/2018-2019 invited previously for three phase (10-60A) meter with box are hereby extended due to unavoidable reasons. The e-tender can be purchased and submitted upto 17:00 hrs of 26.12.2018. Part-I of the e-tender shall be opened on 27.12.2018 at 15:30 hrs.

Other terms and conditions will remain same as per original tender notice. For further details, Please visit our website [www.uktenders.gov.in](http://www.uktenders.gov.in).

No. : 640/EE(CM)/UPCL /A-2 Superintending Engineer Corporate (Contract & Procurement-I) Date : 11.12.2018

## APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed this person Named: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: 26 years, Sex: Male, Height: 5 feet 5 inch, Complexion: Shallow, Wearing: Cream colour shirt and brown pant has been found dead at Mathura Road, Ali Red Light, Badarpur, Delhi on dated 08.12.2018 at 11:57 AM.

In this regard a FIR/DD No. 16 A, dated 08.12.2018 has been registered at P.S. Badarpur, New Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far.

Any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.

SHO P.S. Badarpur, New Delhi Ph: 011-29894753, 8750870933

## Pakistan rejects US blacklisting over religious freedom violations

PTI ■ ISLAMABAD

Pakistan on Wednesday rejected as "unilateral and politically motivated" the US' decision to place it on its blacklist of nations that infringe on religious freedom, saying the Muslim-majority country is a multi-religious and pluralistic society where people of diverse faiths live together.

## WESTERN RAILWAY MUMBAI DIVISION BULK ADVERTISING RIGHTS

For information of public - It is informed that the following tenders have been uploaded on internet as E-tenders. All are requested to please visit our website <http://www.ireps.gov.in> to download the tender document, corrigendum and further details: Sr.No.1, Tender Notice No.: CA11 BulkSTN\_CCG NTKT\_2018 dated: 05/12/2018. Work and Location: Bulk Advertising Rights of Churchgate Station Non-Ticketing Area for a period of 5 Years. Approx. Cost of Work: ₹ 7,27,74,468.44. EMD : ₹ 4,55,500/- Date & Time of Opening : 27/12/2018 at 15:30 hrs. Sr.No.2, Tender Notice No.: CA11 BulkSTN\_DDR-FOB-2018. Dated: 07/12/2018. Work and Location: Bulk Advertising Rights of Dadar Station Foot Over Bridge for a period of 5 Years. Approx. Cost of Work: ₹ 5,70,20,575.04. EMD : ₹ 11,40,500/- Date & Time of Opening : 28/12/2018 at 15:30 hrs. Sr.No.3, Tender Notice No.: CA11 BulkSTN\_DDR-PF\_2018 Dated: 06/12/2018. Work and Location: Bulk Advertising Rights of Dadar Station Platforms and Booking Offices for a period of 5 Years. Approx. Cost of Work: ₹ 5,65,81,951.53. EMD : ₹ 11,31,700/- Date & Time of Opening : 28/12/2018 at 15:30 hrs. Office Where Tender Form Available: For Sr.No.1 to 3 ACM(PM)-BCT.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to public that original documents of the property bearing No. 426, 2nd and 3rd floor, Sila Ram Bazar, Delhi-110006 has been lost and in respect of thereof filed FIR No. 2642951/2018 Hazrat Kazi, Police Station. Detailed description of the document are as under: Sale Deed Date 23.06.1971 executed by Shri Vidhya Swaroop and Shri Ramesh Chand in favour of Smt. Maya Devi registered as document No. 4587, Book No. 1, Vol. No. 2598 on Page No. 100-104 on dated 23.06.1971 in the office of Sub-Registrar, Delhi. Mr. Anil Gupta has mortgaged aforementioned property by availing business loan facility with Syndicate Bank, New Delhi. All persons, financial institutions or bank having any claim i.e. sale, exchange, gift, possession, mortgage, lease, lien, trust or otherwise (if any) may send their objection in writing to Syndicate Bank, RML(C) address 7, Sethi Bhanan, East Patel Nagar, New Delhi-110008 Phone 25711268 email: b-9207@syndicatebank.co.in Within 10 days of publication of this notice. Any claim received after 10 days shall be treated illegal and void and mortgage created with the syndicate bank shall stand null and void on any claim/objection in aforementioned property. Anil Gupta 426, 2nd and 3rd floor, Sila Ram Bazar, Delhi-110006 Ph: 9873898960

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e-Tender Notice  
For and on behalf of UJVN Limited, office of the Executive Engineer (Civil-I), UJVN Limited, Guptkashi, Rudraprayag, invites e-tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below :-

Tender No.	02/EE(Civil-I)/Guptkashi/Srikot/2018-19
Name of work	First Stage Completion of Civil works for partially constructed old office building at Srikot Srinagar (Garhwal)
Estimated Cost	Rs. 38.98 Lakh
Earnest Money deposit	Rs. 97,500/-
Tender Free	Rs. 2360/- (Including GST)
Date & Time of availability of bid Document on the portal	12.12.2018 at 15:30 Hrs
Last Date & Time for submission bid on the portal	11.01.2019 up to 17:00 Hrs
Last Date/Time for receipt of hard copies of relevant documents	15.01.2019 up to 17:00 Hrs
Date/Time for opening of bid on the website	17.01.2019 at 11:00 Hrs
Full & Further details of tender can be seen from the e-procurement portal " <a href="http://uktenders.gov.in">http://uktenders.gov.in</a> "	
Letter No. 723 Dated 12.12.2018	Executive Engineer (Civil-I) Guptkashi, Rudraprayag

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## ICICI Bank PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

Notice for sale of immovable properties  
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Ltd. will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis as per the brief particulars given hereunder:

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No. (A)	Details of the Secured assets with known encumbrances, if any (B)	Amount Outstanding (₹) (C)	Reserve Price (₹) (D)	Earnest Money Deposit (₹) (E)	Date of Property Inspection and Time (F)	Date & Time of Auction (G)
1.	PGT Components Ltd, Ursheela Mehta, Ramesh Grover, Bhupendra Nath Mehta	Plot No. 65, Block A, Sector 5, Noida (201301) Area- 804 Sq Ft.	Rs. 62,32,326/- as on Nov 17, 2018.	Rs. 4,26,20,000/-	Rs. 42,62,000/-	January 10, 2019 From 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM	January 21, 2019 From 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM

The online auction will take place on the website of auction agency **Shriram Automall India Ltd.** ([URL Link-https://eauctions.samil.in/](http://URL Link-https://eauctions.samil.in/)). The Mortgagor(s)/ Noticee are given last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **January 19, 2019 From before 5:00 P.M** failing which, this/these secured asset/s will be sold as per schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit their offer along with aforesaid earnest money deposit (as referred in column No. (F) in a sealed envelope superscribed "offer for purchase of property" so as to reach at ICICI Bank Limited, 2 nd Floor Videocon Tower, Block E-1, Jhandewalan Extension, Rani Jhansi Road, Delhi 110055 or our marketing agents **Shriram Automall India Ltd** having their office at 2nd Floor, Best Sky Tower, Netaji Subhash Place, Pitampura, New Delhi - 110034 on or before January 19, 2019 before 5:00 P.M. The marketing agency has also been engaged as auctioneer for proper conduct of auction. EMD DD / PO should be from a Nationalised / Scheduled Bank favouring "ICICI Bank Limited" payable at Delhi.

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact on Mobile No. 9584874809/9650193259 of ICICI Bank Limited or 9910453434 of Shriram Automall India Ltd. The tenders which are acknowledged by the Bank/auction vendor official and registered before the cut off time with complete details shall only be considered for auction.

The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any reasons thereof. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit ICICI Bank Ltd website at <https://www.icicibank.com/notice-board/properties-for-sale/properties.page?>  
Date : December 13, 2018  
Place : Delhi/ NCR  
Sd/-  
Authorised Officer  
ICICI Bank Limited

Trend Slazer

Arjun to make digital debut

Actor **ARJUN RAMPAL** will make his digital debut with *The Final Call*, a web series which is an adaptation of author Priya Kumar's book *I Will Go With You*. Arjun said, "I am thrilled about my digital debut with ZEE5 for *The Final Call*. This story is special and you will see me in a very different avatar. We just wrapped up our first shoot schedule in Kashmir and I cannot wait to present the final product to the viewers." The series is slated for an early 2019 release.



**'I am very happy to be receiving the Norwegian award. It's such an honour. Any type of award especially this, really means a lot to me. Any encouragement means the world to me. I hope to keep on doing good work which makes my audience happy.'**

—Janhvi Kapoor

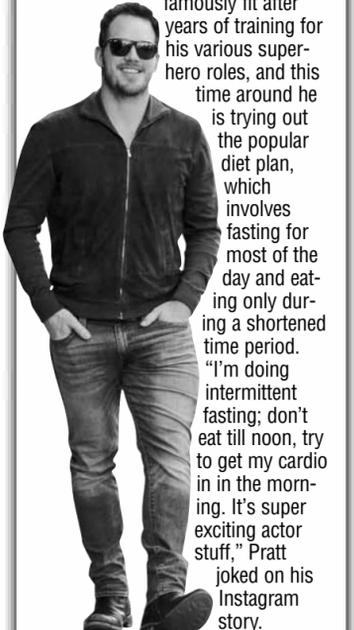
Actor **SUNIL GROVER**, who will be next seen in Ali Abbas Zafar's directorial *Bharat*, has said that he doesn't know any human being and artist who is as disciplined as **Salman Khan** in the film industry. Sunil was interacting with the media at the 18th edition of Indian Television Awards (ITA) 2018. Sunil said: "I haven't seen a more disciplined human being and artist than Salman. He does a lot of work at one time. He does shoots for his current films and at the same time, he listens to scripts which he will be doing in the year 2032. He is a very busy artist."



Pratt lost a little weight with fasting

Actor **CHRIS PRATT** says intermittent fasting has helped him to lose a little weight.

The star, 39, is famously fit after years of training for his various superhero roles, and this time around he is trying out the popular diet plan, which involves fasting for most of the day and eating only during a shortened time period. "I'm doing intermittent fasting; don't eat till noon, try to get my cardio in in the morning. It's super exciting actor stuff," Pratt joked on his Instagram story.



The tech industry is sitting on the edge of a major turnaround with new breakthroughs happening every third day. At this time, it becomes important that we look-out for what the future of industry would be like. We haven't seen an era in which such fast-paced and rapid technological changes took place every day. In 2018, there were overnight transformations in domains like artificial intelligence (AI), cloud computing, machine learning and more. The year 2019, however, is bound to bring even better hopes and prospects for the industry. Moreover, since technology is directly connected to trade and growth in industry, it is bound to have implications on business development on a global scale. Here are six major IT trends to watch out for in 2019.

**CHATBOTS WILL GET MAINSTREAM**  
Owing to Machine Learning, Natural Language Processing (NLP) is taking multiple strides forward. NLP allows companies to gain immense insight into the users and customers so that the customer services can be improved and better products can be built. It is predicted that more than 40 per cent of the companies will adopt it by the end of 2019 for better services and products.

**CONNECTED CLOUDS WILL GROW**  
There seems to be a growing dependence on cloud support for services such as storage, data analytics, optimisation and much more. Organisations such as Amazon and Alibaba have been providing these services for a while now and they are only bound to grow branching into many different domains and verticals. Multi Clouds and Hybrid Clouds seem to be the buzzwords and the major things they provide include seamless, secure and streamlined services.

MILLENNIUM TECH

From facial recognition to autonomous driving, technology has been backed by some overnight changes in the past year. Here are a few IT trends that are predicted to grow big in 2019. By SUMIT PEER



THE ESSENCE OF BLOCKCHAIN

Blockchain technology has been under the limelight for quite some time now and has been projected to be the next big tech break. Although it does seem like

blockchain still requires a lot of clean-up before it can be implemented in mainstream markets, especially in financial sectors. This might be the year of realising the better potential of the block chain

and in a couple of years, we will see the traction that it has promised.

DATA SAFETY AT FRONTLINE

Data protection regulations such as

GDPR aim to provide a huge layer of data protection to various users. As of now, data protection and safety is still not the priority of various organisations such as news reporting companies, which deal with huge amounts of information. In 2019, however, it would be common as informed customers will understand, require and seek the companies which truly protect their data and can be relied upon.

C-SUITE PROFESSIONALS WILL TAKE CHARGE

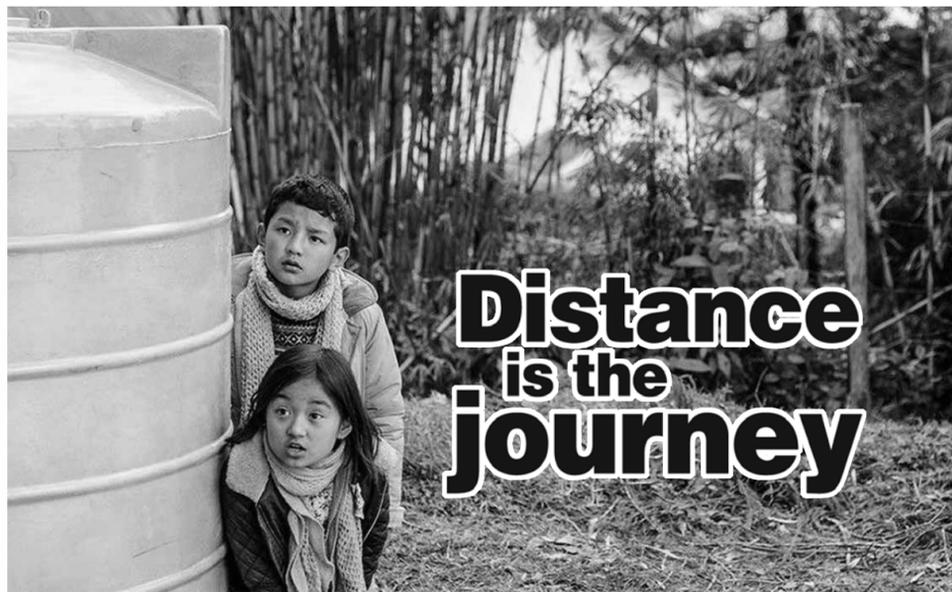
C-Suite professionals are bound to start taking charge according to the demands of digital transformations. The management will make it a priority to hire and take steps in the direction of alignment with the digital transformation.

Furthermore, they would have to understand that they require a critical nature in their organisation that ensures that is geared for change and reformation as and when required by the tech industry.

DUELLING AI

AI and Machine Learning have been growing in the past couple of years and Duelling AI is possibly the next big breakthrough. This concept is termed as "generative adversarial networks" which essentially makes use of two separate learning networks that make each other learn and in the process train each other to become more efficient.

(The writer is Founder and CEO of Aurelius Corporate Solutions.)



Distance is the journey

Actor-turned-director, **PAAKHI A TYREWALA's** unusual viewpoint comes forth in her film *Pahuna*, *The Little Visitors* that talks of displacement and identity. By **SAIMI SATTAR**

What are you telling children when they see Bollywood? You go, fall in love and that is the end of life. Or that you should go find a villain and beat the crap out of him. We are constantly reiterating that either you are a hero or a cricketer or you are no one," says Paakhi A Tyrewala, director, *Pahuna*, *The Little Visitors*, a film that looks at displacement from the point of view of two young children and an infant. She feels that her upbringing in Delhi's Press Enclave, where "Bollywood was never a part of the conversation, rather we heard about Nelson Mandela and Africa, academics and theatre music, which made for a rich experience while growing up," has influenced the subject as well as the sensibilities of the films that she prefers to make.

"The whole reason for creating content for children is to put forth that it does not matter whether you are a hero or a superhero but if you are yourself, you are special. This inculcates self-worth and also gives them good values. My film is about peace," she says. The idea of displacement is emeshed with that of identity as well as communal disharmony. "The fear of the other — that of Muslims, Hindus or Christians — gets transferred to children." The film tackles all these issues — communal fear, displacement or different language, discord in society and how children suffer on account of it. It was the opening film at the Smile International Film Festival for Children and Youth (SIFFCY) 2018.

The film is shot in Sikkim, which makes for a gorgeous backdrop. Paakhi says, "Like every beautiful woman, it is difficult. The oxygen level is low, the weather is inhospitable and every location is at least one to two hours away. It wasn't easy but was worth it."

The film courted controversy on account of its location as its producer Priyanka Chopra inadvertently said that



Sikkim was a disturbed state while it is one of the most peaceful ones in the country. Paakhi says that she is glad that the issue came up because it helped to bring the state on the national TV and map. "Do you know that the average footfall of Sikkim tourism off season was the highest this year? So we are not complaining, neither is Sikkim. It was a mistake she made and sometimes that is a good thing," she says. Paakhi has been a child actor who went on to star opposite actor John Abraham in *Jhootha Hi Sahi* (2010). She was an assistant director. She believes that each of her profiles added to her craft. "I did not go to a film school. Each of my job was my schooling. When I directed my first song in *Jaane Tu Ya Jaane Na*, it gave me confidence to direct my first short film, *Kajal*. Acting made me more sensitive to actors. It is not easy to be natural in front of the camera. Costumes, lighting, everything takes time and since I have worked in each of these, I understand what goes into every department. This has given me not only patience but also taught me how to manage people which is the primary job of a

director. One has to get the best out of people and every department," says Paakhi.

While she has worked in different aspects of filmmaking, her family was far-removed from it. "My mother was a theatre actor in Delhi with a group called Abhyant. Then she became a lecturer at NSD. My father was a journalist and my brother went to FTII. So I had always been surrounded by a creative atmosphere. Plus I was a child actor in Doordarshan serials and advertisements," says the director who acted in a movie called *Dance of the Wind* with Rajan Khosla.

Paakhi is also keen to explore the digital format. "The format is longer and it is much more satisfying. For both the writer and the director, it is amazing to develop a story over seasons while the film is two and a half hours long. It also gives you a platform to tell stories where you can play with the shades of the characters," she says. However, many of the digital formats have been garnering negative publicity for the lack of censorship and explicit content. "Initially when they were making content, they were only focussing on delivering sex and it did not do well. Indians do not like their women naked. They will watch porn if they want to. Now, everybody is making edgy content with alcohol, cigarettes and violence but not sex," she says.

So does she see content finally having its place in the sun as opposed to the intense focus on superstars? "I hope the story will in the spotlight one day. Even actors like Rajkumar Rao, Sushant Singh Rajput or Vicky Kaushal have now become stars. The producer says that if you can't get the Khans, you can at least cast them. No one is ready to take first timers. Once that happens, I'll believe content is king. So that way things haven't really changed," she says as she signs off to further expand her horizons.

'Acting skills aren't technical'

Kannada actor **YASH** tells **CHAHAK MITTAL** how diving into the mindset of the audience helps him select his roles and films

There may be a difference in *dal aur roti* and *sambhar aur dosa*, but North and South India is united in its choice of films. People love everything — Bollywood, Tollywood and Kollywood. The popularity of South Indian cinema has peaked in north, with films like *Baahubali* and *Kaala* breaking all box office records.

Actor Yash, who will soon be seen in Prashanth Neel's *KGF: Chapter 1*, believes that South Indian cinema has a lot to offer and with its growing popularity, it is gaining worldwide acclaims.

The film, set in the 1980s in the Kolar Gold Fields of Mysore, showcases him as Rocky, who is "highly ambitious, loves his wife while his mother is his greatest inspiration. He is someone who isn't bothered about the world." The film focusses on slavery and oppression of the downtrodden sections of the society who worked at the gold fields.

Y a s h explains that even though he could relate to the character who is ambitious and stylish, strong and lovable, there were a number of challenges that he faced. "The biggest challenge while playing any character is to understand it deeply. I related to some of Rocky's elements, emotions, and style, that was not it. Portraying his laidback attitude towards the world, which I had to express through my body language, was a challenging task. It had to be subtle yet strong. There were minimal but very impactful dialogues."

The film's trailer, that was released in November, presents high definition visuals, that would remind one of Rajamouli's *Baahubali*, which was the most expensive film in South Indian cinema. *KGF* is also projected to be one of the largest Kannada productions. So will it be as big as *Baahubali*?

Yash says, "It's great that the trailer was received so well by the viewers. But since the themes and background vary, both the films cannot be compared." *KGF* will be released pan India in five lan-

guages including Hindi, Kannada, Malayalam, Tamil and Telugu on December 21.

The actor is known for his roles in numerous Kannada films like *Googly*, *Lucky*, *Gajakesari*, *Modalasala*, *Thamassu*, *Jaanu*.

So how does he select his roles? Yash explains that understanding the audience's mindset is the most important thing while choosing a particular role.

"I don't just pick up a certain character to play. I first try to become one among the audience, re-read the scripts over and over, understand what they will think about the character and the film, and then choose any particular role."

The actor's point of view is really important because eventually they are the ones who judge a film and determine its popularity. Humans and their emotions are universal. So when you understand the audience's perspective, you understand the film too."

The actor who always "wanted to be a hero," holds a similar approach when it comes to being an actor as well. He says, "It's a filmy story. I always wanted to be an actor since childhood. But I realised that understanding life is the key to becoming an actor. Acting skills aren't technical. You just need maturity to contain them." He laughingly tells how his parents were against sending him to an acting school.

The actor believes that the Indian industry has evolved to a higher discourse from the 'boy meets girl or girl meets boy' film era. "There is a very high level of exposure today. Its source is more international content that is now coming in. The films are based on a more realistic content these days, either on a famous personality or any historical event. *KGF* is a fictitious film but is based on the realms of the Kolar gold fields which were a great heritage of India."

He believes that with the advent of digital space, "variety of films and genres have expanded."



ZERO WILL CONNECT WITH CHILDREN

Director-producer Anand Rai believes that children will enjoy the film *Zero* and Anushka Sharma's character is the primary reason.

Anand Rai, throughout the shoot, used to tell us on the sets that Anushka's character will have a huge connect with kids. When he wrote the character, he had this in mind



and always called Aafia a very special character. She is a very lovable and smart person, she is a genius and has

her heart in the right place. She is full of life despite her disabilities, which is a hugely positive angle in the film and the director always felt that it will be one of the strong emotional reasons why people, especially children will love Aafia," reveals a source.

Anushka has gone all out to prepare for her role in *Zero*.

She went through a rigorous three month prep and worked with two professional trainers — an occupational therapist and an audiologist — to get into the skin of her character, who is suffering from cerebral palsy. She used wheel-chair all the time on set to stay in her character. The film releases on December 21.

# HAIL AND 'HEARTY'

The state-of-the-art technology and expertise of the doctors at the Indraprastha Apollo Hospital ensured that a 20-day old baby boy underwent a successful arterial switch surgery for the treatment of 'transposition of great arteries'



His body was turning blue so, the parents took him to a local doctor in their area where his echo was done. The reports revealed that he has transposition of great arteries. In transposition of the great arteries, the aorta is connected to the right ventricle, and the pulmonary artery is connected to the left ventricle, which is the exact opposite of a normal heart anatomy.



Dr. Muthu Jothi

At the time of admission at the Indraprastha Apollo Hospital, the child was on ventilation and weighed only 2.2 kg. The doctors had earlier decided to allow the child to grow a bit and weigh at least 2.8 to 3 kg before performing the major, open heart surgery. For the same, the baby was kept in critical care on ventilation for a week, but unfortunately his condition didn't improve and he was not able to come off the ventilator. Every time the doctors tried to take him off the ventilation or lower the ventilation, he would experience breathlessness and turn blue. Considering the criticality of the baby's

condition, Dr Jothi, along with team of expert cardiologist, anaesthetist and intensivists, decided to perform the five hour-long surgical procedure on the child

"Considering the weight of the child being 2.2 kg, the surgery had a high risk. We had performed many such surgeries before, but this patient weighed the lowest and we generally don't perform a surgery on a patient with this low weight. I had quoted a risk of about 25-40 per cent, which is a huge risk, but considering the child's condition and only after the family's consent, we performed the surgery. In order to treat the disease we performed an Arterial Switch Operation, in which the aorta and the coronary arteries are disconnected from their place and are adjusted in the right place. Along with the arterial switch, the closure of VSD and ASD were done," explained Dr Jothi.

Post the surgery, the child recuperated enough to be sent home after 10-12 days which is not usually the case. The child is now doing absolutely fine and is also gaining weight gradually, informed the doctor.

The father of the baby boy, Vinod, commented, "We cannot thank Dr Jothi enough for the miracle that he has done. He successfully performed the surgery even when our child was underweight and today, he is alive, all because of him. Our child has got a new life at the Apollo Hospitals."

Identifying some of the causes to such a disease, Dr Jothi elaborated, "There is no specific cause behind this disease. However, factors such as, an elderly primi i.e. mother is of an old age, consanguineous marriage i.e. marriage with a close cousin or within the family, poor nutrition during pregnancy, or if the mother catches an infection and is on antibiotics in the initial three months during foetus development, or women who smoke or drink excessively, have higher chances of giving birth to babies with this condition."



## Rooting out child marriages in Bihar

India continues to be home to the highest number of under age brides globally and Kishori Clubs are trying to address the issue in Bihar, says PRIYANKA SHAH

Adolescent-led girls' groups in Bihar have shown leadership to deal with an issue that affects them directly—child marriage. Over 3,000 girls are a part of the Kishori Clubs set up by the Population Foundation of India, in four blocks of the Nawada and Darbhanga districts in Bihar. The groups have been galvanised as part of a programme to improve the health and rights of the adolescents.

The adolescent girls of the Kishori Clubs raise awareness in their communities and families, and take action to stop child marriages. They have successfully prevented at least 92 child marriages in their villages.

Mausam Kumari, a Kishori Club member from the Nawada district, recounts one instance where they intervened to stop a child marriage. She says, "One day, I received a call from my mother while in college,

asking me to come home early. She told me that a 16 year-old girl, in the neighbouring area, was being 'married off' and that we should intervene to stop it. After reaching the venue, we found that all preparations for the wedding, including the DJ, had already been set up. We tried to intervene by explaining to the family that child marriage is illegal and that nobody will be happy after the marriage. We said, don't get your daughter married for your selfish reasons. Giving birth at a young age will put your daughter's life at risk."

When the families refused to call off the wedding, the girls involved the police. They then managed to prevent the marriage, along with a signed undertaking, stating that the family will not get their daughter married before she turns 18



years. Mausam says that her life changed after joining the Kishori Club. "Earlier, we were not allowed to leave the house but now, we travel more freely. We have had to be stubborn and fearless to deal with the people judging us, but we have been able to convince others to join the Club as well. The Club allows us to talk about issues we cannot discuss at home. It has given us confidence to be self-reliant," adds Mausam.

Child marriage robs one of their childhood, an education and the right to live a healthy and safe life. Despite child marriage being a criminal offence, India is home to the highest number of child brides in the world. Approximately 20 per cent girls (15-19 years) in Bihar were married off before the age of 18 years, according to the 'India Child Marriage and Pregnancy Report' based on the National Family Health Survey-IV (NFHS) data. Despite all odds, Mausam and her friends continue to exemplify valour in the face of deep-seated prejudice and violence. Safe spaces, like the Kishori Clubs, play an important role in harnessing youth leadership in hard-to-reach communities and empower girls to have a voice of their own.

—The author is programme officer, Population Foundation of India

## NSIC EMPOWERS THE YOUTH WITH TECH

The Chairman cum Managing Director of the National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC), Sudhir Garg, inaugurated the new training programs for the youth and budding entrepreneurs at the NTSC Advance Training Centre (Okhla) titled—'Augmented Reality (AR) Program', which is based on technology enriching the real world with digital information and media such as 3D models and videos, overlaying in real-time, the camera view of the smartphone, tablet, PC or connected glasses. The other programme, titled—'Virtual Reality (VR) Training Program', is based on interactive, computer-generated experience, taking place within a simulated



environment, that incorporates mainly the auditory and the visual, and also other types of sensory feedback like haptic. In addition

to these, another certified program, titled—'Cisco Certified Network Associate/Professional (CCNA/CCNP) Certified',

was also inaugurated which would help the youth in installation, configuration and operation of LAN, WAN, and dial access ser-



vices for networks. This NSIC-Technical Services Centre initiative aims to enhance the professional

skills of the entrepreneurs and the youth working in the various Information and Technology sectors.

## CORPORATE BRIEFS



### AAI'S WOMEN WING-KALYANMAYEE LAUNCHES MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PROJECT

The Airports Authority of India Women's Welfare Association, has launched 'Kalyanmayee', a sanitary napkin usage and menstrual hygiene project. This three-year project aims to create awareness about menstrual hygiene practices and busting the myths and taboo attached to menstruation. The project provides alternative low cost, lab tested napkins. The project also includes installation of sanitary napkin vending machines and incinerators in schools in 20 cities and conducting awareness camps in the slum areas. Some of these locations include Amritsar, Varanasi, Ahmedabad, Bhubaneswar, Patna, Trivandrum and Mangalore.



### RUMI'S WORK NOW CONSOLIDATED IN INDIA

The Kala Nidhi Division of the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), organised the launch of the book—'A Descriptive Catalogue of the Manuscripts and Editions of Maulana Jalaluddin Rumi's Works in India', by Prof S H Qaseemi and Dr Ramesh C Gaur. This is the first such catalogue on Rumi's works in India. His Excellency Ambassador of Republic of Turkey, Sakir Ozkan Torunlar, and His Excellency Ambassador of Iran, Dr Ali Chegeni, along with the director of UNESCO New Delhi Cluster office, Eric Fall, and the MS of IGNCA, Dr Sachchidanand Joshi, formally released the book.

### NAQVI PATS NHRC'S BACK

The Union Minister for Minority Affairs, Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi praised the work done by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) to promote a culture of human rights since its inception. He was speaking at the Human Rights Day Function organised by the NHRC in New Delhi which was attended by the NHRC chairperson, Justice H L Dattu, senior officials and a large number of intellectuals from different fields. Naqvi said, "The NHRC has always played an active role in protection of human rights of the people of the country. The NHRC also organises Camp Sittings and Open Public Hearings in different state capitals at regular intervals to ensure speedy disposal of cases." He further added that it is encouraging that the NHRC has selected 28 most backward districts in the country to spread awareness about human rights in the administration and to monitor the effectiveness of the various socio-economic welfare programmes of the government.

### SCOPE ORGANISES WORKSHOP ON OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH

SCOPE organised a national workshop on occupational safety and health titled—'Strengthening Safer and Healthier Workforce' at Lucknow. The workshop was organised with the support of the Ministry of Labour and Employment (DGFASLI) and the International Labour Organisation. The director general of SCOPE, Dr U D Choubey, while inaugurating the workshop, highlighted the importance of occupational safety and health in the public sector enterprises. He suggested that a board level review should take place periodically on all the initiatives taken by the company.



### CONFERENCE ON SMART CITY STANDARDISATION

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and the International Electrotechnical Commission jointly organised the 'BIS-IEC International Conference on Smart City Standardisation' on December 10 in Varanasi which was inaugurated by the secretary of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Durga Shanker Mishra. Mishra stated that the standardisation efforts in India need to be prioritised with habitat being top priority, followed by mobility, smart infrastructure and ICT and governance. He assured the participation of the MoHUA officials and the CEOs of the smart cities in this effort of the BIS.



The President of India, Ram Nath Kovind, led the nation in paying homage to the Bharat Ratna Baba Saheb Dr B R Ambedkar, on his 63rd Mahaparinirvan Diwas at the Sansad Bhavan Lawns in the Parliament House complex. The Vice President of India, M Venkaiah Naidu, Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, and the Speaker, Lok Sabha, Sumitra Mahajan, offered a floral tribute to the Father of the Indian Constitution. Other leaders present included the Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Dr Thawarchand Gehlot, Ministers of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Ramdas Athawale and Vijay Sampal.

### NTPC BAGS 7 AWARDS BY PRSI FOR 2018

NTPC has bagged seven awards in different categories at the 40th All India Public Relations Conference, which was organised by the Public Relations Society of India (PRSI) from December 8 to 10 at Dehradun. The NTPC Corporate Communication received the second prize for NTPC CSR Coffee Table Book as a Special/Prestige Publication and for the internal communication application—SAMVAAD and the third prize for its company website. The NTPC Projects and Regional Head Quarter received four awards—the NTPC Vindhyaachal won the first prize for 'Best CSR' for child care; second prize was awarded to NTPC Rihand Corporate Film (Hindi); the third prize was awarded for the 'Best e-newsletter NTPC-NR' and the 'Best Public Awareness Campaign' award was given to NTPC- Rihand.

### NTPC'S SINGRAULI STATION RECORDS 100% PLF IN NOV

The flagship power station of the NTPC, Singrauli Super Thermal Power Station, has achieved 100.32 per cent plant load factor (PLF) in the month of November. The 2000 MW station has five units of 200 MW and two units of 500 MW. The NTPC-Singrauli continues to deliver the rated performance even after 36 years of operations. The first 200 MW unit of the station was synchronised in 1982.

### EAST HIMALAYAN EXPO TO BOOST TRADE IN THE REGION

The 10th edition of the East Himalayan Expo-2018 is being organised by the India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) with the support of the Commerce and Industries Department, Government of Meghalaya from December 10 to 17 in Shillong, Meghalaya. The expo, inaugurated by the Governor of Meghalaya, Tathagata Roy, aims to widen trade horizons and enhance business links in the Eastern Himalayan region especially when there is a focus of the Government on 'Act East Policy'. With over 200 leading companies from the North East region, this year, the expo elicited triple response as compared to the last edition.



The World Travel and Tourism Council, India Initiative (WTTCCII) has announced the appointment of its new office bearers for 2019. Rajeev Talwar, the chief executive officer of DLF, has been appointed as the Chairman of WTTCCII while Ajay Singh, the chairman and managing director of Spicejet Limited, has been unanimously appointed as the Vice Chairman of the association.



The secretary of the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) Rashmi Singh, gave away the Swachhta Award for the month of October, November and December to 42 safai sevaks, four beldars, six school children and 12 drivers at the Convention Centre of the NDMC headquarter at New Delhi. The chief medical officers, Dr Ramesh Kumar, Dr R N Singh and Dr S Shivastava, were also present on the occasion.

### 1ST MEDIA SCHOOL FOR DALITS AND TRIBALS

The Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Thawarchand Gehlot, announced the commencement of nationwide admissions in the Dr B R Ambedkar School of Media Empowerment, to train Dalit and tribal youths. This, first-of-its-kind school to train these communities in journalism, is supported by the Indian Institute for Mass Communication (IIMC). The school will have its branches in Pune, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and other parts of India.



To raise awareness on the Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome (PCOS) and its rising incidence amongst women in India, the Bayer Zydus Pharma, in association with the Delhi Gynecologist Forum (South), organised the 'Face of Confidence' Walkathon in New Delhi at the Major Dhyanchand National Stadium. Around 250 gynecologists and health experts attended the event to initiate a conversation on this hormonal disorder.

# STICKATHON



## INDIA CHASE SLICE OF HISTORY

Manpreet & boys look to capitalise golden opportunity against Netherlands and seal semifinal spot

PTI ■ BHUBANESWAR

Their shoulders are burdened with weight of expectations but it won't be easy for India to end a 43-year long wait when they take on mighty Netherlands in the quarterfinal on Thursday.

Boasting a rich hockey legacy, India last played in the semi-final of the World Cup way back in 1975 when they went on to lift their maiden title.

Of late, the game has witnessed an upward trend in the country but the history does not favour the hosts against the mighty Dutchmen, whom the Indians have never beaten in the World Cup.

In the six earlier meetings at the quadrennial event, Netherlands defeated India five times while one ended in a draw.

And if Manpreet Singh and his men get past the Dutch on Thursday, they will not only break a jinx but also rewrite history and ink their names in the one of the golden chapters of the Indian hockey.

Going by present form and rankings, there is hardly anything to differentiate between the two sides.

While Netherlands are placed fourth in the current world rankings, India are a rung below in the fifth position.

The last time India and Netherlands faced each in the Champions Trophy earlier this, the match had ended in a 1-1 draw.

The over-all head-to-head record belongs to Netherlands. In the 105 games played between the two sides so far, India have won 33, lost 48 while the rest ended in draws.

However, the two sides have shared the spoils since 2013. India and Netherlands have faced each other nine times since 2013, winning four apiece while one game finished in a draw.

And for India captain Manpreet Singh past results hold significance. "The past results matter a lot



Indian players celebrate after scoring goal against Canada in the last pool C group fixture. India beat Canada 5-1 in the final game to seal direct place in World Cup quarterfinal



Hockey India

INDIA AGAINST HOLLAND IN HOCKEY							
Type	P	W	L	D	GF	GA	Success%
Overall	106	33	48	25	216	238	42.92
World Cup	6	—	6	—	11	26	100.00

INDIA-HOLLAND IN WORLD CUP			
Year	Venue	Result	Score
1973	Amstelveen	Holland beat India	2-2 (4-2 penalty shoot out)
1982	Mumbai	Holland beat India	4-3
1990	Lahore	Holland beat India	5-3
1994	Sydney	Holland beat India	4-2
1998	Utrecht	Holland beat India	5-0
2006	Mönchengladbach	Holland beat India	6-1

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because Netherlands have a better result against us. But, we have played well against them recently. We have also beaten them, drew against them at the Champions Trophy. Indian hockey has improved a lot. The match will be tough and whichever team plays better will win," Manpreet said.

The India-Netherlands duel is expected to be a fast-paced, attacking encounter with both the teams

heavily relying on their goal scoring abilities to come out winners. Both India and Netherlands have scored heavily in the poll stages. While India have scored 12 goals and

The Indians too would be relying on their strikers - Mandeep Singh, Simranjeet Singh, Lalit Upadhyay and Akashdeep Singh - to continue their good work.

conceded three, the Dutch have pumped in 13 goals and conceded five.

In the likes of captain Billy Bakker, Seve van Ass, Jeroen Hertzberger, Mirco Pruijser, Robbert Kemperman, Thiery Brinkman, the Dutch have got plenty of experience in the midfield and its strike force.

It will be a real test for the Indian defence on Thursday.

With the Kalinga Stadium expected to be packed to its full capacity, there will also be tremendous pressure on the Indian team and the Dutch will be more than happy to exploit any mistake.

"This will not be the first time. We have played in front of big crowds in pool games and in the past as well. We are used to playing in front of big crowds," Netherlands coach Max Caldas said.

"We always try to play in our own pace, whether it is fast or slow. We like to dictate. We are not concerned about India because we can't influence what India will do," Netherlands skipper Bakker added.

"The Indian team also has lot of pressure. They need to perform in front of their home crowd. So I feel the pressure is more on the Indian team than us."

Meanwhile in the first quarter-final, Germany will take on Belgium.

## We are ready to answer call of 1.3 billion Indians: Harendra

PTI ■ BHUBANESWAR

Standing on the verge of creating history, Indian hockey coach Harendra Singh on Wednesday said his team is ready to take on any challenge thrown by the Netherlands and answer the call of "1.3 billion" Indians in the quarterfinal.

World No 5 India are set to take on World No 4 Netherlands in the last quarterfinal here on Thursday, and Harendra said they have left no stones unturned and their preparation for the crucial clash are spot on.

"Hoga to wahi jo hum chahenge (Eventually, it is what we want that is going to happen)," Harendra declared when asked about Thursday's vital encounter.

"We want what 1.3 billion people want. Indian team is mentally and physically ready. We have done our homework on Dutch aggression. Whatever challenge they throw, we are ready to solve that, not just accept it," he added.

India has never defeated Netherlands in the history of the World Cup, but Harendra refused to dwell on the past.

"History is only to read, not to understand," he quipped. "They (Netherlands) have come prepared. Every team comes to win. Indian team has made history in the last six months. You have to face every team, it is World cup. You are bound to play the top team," he added.

Harendra said it will be an equal contest on Thursday and whoever takes their chances will come out winners.

"We won't do anything different. There are some minor adjustments. They love to play attacking hockey, so do India. It is an equal contest. In Thursday's match, you can't afford to miss even 25 per cent chances," he said.

Harendra said penalty corner conversions is an area of concern for the Netherlands which they will try to explore.

"When we analyse a match, we study grey areas of the opponents. Penalty corners is their grey area. We don't ignore Holland outright. From 1971 to 2018, their base of hockey is penalty corners. We can't ignore that. India is ready to solve that challenge," he said.

It is expected to be a full house on Thursday at the Kalinga Stadium like any other India match, and Harendra said "crowd support" will provide India extra motivation to go for the kill.

"I think they are forgetting that whenever the crowd is behind us, it becomes 12th man, extra energy. As a coach I like that," he said.

"There is no chance that opponents can easily sit on their back. I think it's not pressure, it's your thought how you enjoy it. So far in any tournament, not just the World Cup, we have learnt how to go with the crowd. We are enjoying."

Harendra said India cannot afford to drop their intensity at any point of time during the match.

"I agree that we have dropped our intensity during the course of a game, which we cannot afford against a team like Holland," he said.

"I have told them to keep that intensity not just for 60 minutes but 74 minutes, including half-time and quarter-breaks. We have discussed and they have agreed."

India captain Manpreet Singh said they are determined to create a history.

"If you talk about Olympics it was two years ago. The team has improved, especially since Harry sir (Harendra) has come. We are playing attacking hockey. We want to change history. The focus is that we don't leave out even the 50:50 chances."



## ENGLAND SHOCK ARGENTINA 3-2

PTI ■ BHUBANESWAR

England stunned Olympic Champions Argentina 3-2 to book their place in the semi-finals on Wednesday.

England, who conceded the lead in the 17th minute, staged a superb comeback to make their third successive semi-final appearance in the history of the tournament.

England scored three field goals through Barry Middleton (27th minute), Will Calnan (45th) and Harry Martin (49th), while Gonzalo Peillat (17th, 48th) struck both the goals for the losers at the Kalinga Stadium.

Argentina, the Bronze medalist in 2014, had themselves to blame for the defeat as they missed chances galore and got into panic mode after conceding the third goal.

Both Argentina and England were levelled 1-1 till 45th minutes but three goals in the last quarter changed the whole scenario.

Will Calnan made it 2-1 for England before Peillat drew parity in the 48th minute.

But a minute later Martin shocked the Los Leones with a field strike to hand England the decisive lead.



Earlier, realising that slow pace is not helping them, England raised their tempo and that paid dividends as they earned their first penalty corner in the 11th minute.



Luke Taylor's effort from the resultant set piece earned them another penalty corner immediately but Argentina defended stoutly to keep their rivals at bay. Argentina secured its first

penalty corner in the 17th minute and drag-flick expert Peillat scored with a powerful flick to take the lead.

Thereafter, the Los Leones surprisingly adopted a defensive approach and that worked in England's favour.

Mark Gleghorne's fine run down from the right flank and his subsequent cross was cleared by England defenders which laid in front of an unmarked Middleton, who slotted home with a powerful shot past goalkeeper Juan Vivaldi to level the scores.

Buoyed by the equaliser, England went on the offensive but failed to get past Argentina's crowded defence.

Argentina, on the other hand, adopted a wait and watch policy to launch counter-attacks.

But it was not to be as England striker Zachary Wallace made an impressive run into the Argentine circle and was brought down inside, which earned the Los Leones back-to-back penalty corners but they wasted both.

In the last quarter, Argentina equalised through Peillat's corner conversion before Martin struck a minute later with a field strike to hand England the unexpected winner.

## Kookaburras in semis

PTI ■ BHUBANESWAR

Two-time defending champions Australia are well on course to create a rare history as they defeated France 3-0 to progress to the semi-finals Wednesday.

World No 1 Australia scored all their goals from penalty corners through Jeremy Hayward (4th minute), Blake Govers (19th) and skipper Aran Zalewski (37th) at the Kalinga Stadium.

However, the final scoreline was far from convincing from Australia's point of view, especially against a side which ranked lowest in the tournament at 20th.

The Frenchmen played good hockey in bits and pieces but were undone by the Kookaburras' vast experience and skills.

Despite the loss, the Frenchmen would return home with pride, especially with the superb show here that includes a shocking win over Olympic champions Argentina in the pool stages.

Australia will play the winner of Thursday's last quarterfinal between India and Netherlands in the semi-finals on Saturday.

Four minutes into the match, Australia earned their first penalty corner when the ball found Francois Goyet's foot and Hayward made no mistake in



converting the opportunity to hand his side the early lead.

Australia continued to dominate the proceedings with repeated forays as the French defence found itself in shambles to keep the Kookaburras at bay.

Soon after the start of the second quarter, Jake Whetton earned Australia its second penalty corner and Govers fully obliged by smashing his flick into the back of France's net to take a 2-0 lead.

Just at the stroke of half time, France earned their first penalty corner which they wasted as Australia went into the halfway break with a comfortable 2-0 lead.

Seven minutes into the third quarter, Australia tripled their lead when Zalewski converted Kookaburras' third penalty cor-

PTI ■ GUANGZHOU

Olympic Silver medalist shuttler PV Sindhu eked out a hard-fought win over world number two and defending champion Akane Yamaguchi in the opening women's singles group A match of the World Tour Finals, here on Wednesday.

Sindhu, who had finished runner-up at the last edition in Dubai, dished out a superb game, mixed with patience and aggression, to defeat the Japanese 24-22, 21-15.

However, Sameer Verma, who is the second Indian men's player after Kidambi Srikanth to qualify for the tournament, couldn't adjust to the pace of world No 1 and world champion Kento Momota, going down 18-21, 6-21 in the opening group match.

Sameer, who defended his title at the Syed Modi International to qualify for the \$ 1,500,000 event, will have to beat Thailand's Kantaphon Wangcharoen and Indonesia's Tommy Sugiarto in the other group B matches to salvage hopes of qualifying for the knockout stage.

## Winning start for Sindhu



Making her third successive appearance at the tournament, Sindhu, who had a 9-4 head-to-head record against Yamaguchi, produced a controlled game in the slow conditions, never letting go despite lagging behind many times in the match.

The first game clocked 27 minutes

as both the shuttlers fought tooth and nail for supremacy. Sindhu was trailing 6-11 at the first interval but she fought back to catch up with the Japanese at 19-19 with a smash on her rival's backhand.

A battle of mind and body ensued as leads changed hands but it was Sindhu who showed better mental fortitude to claim the opening game after a stretched Yamaguchi sent her forehead return at the net.

In the second game, Yamaguchi tried to put pressure on the Indian's backhand but Sindhu was up to the challenge as she made some superb retrieves to lead 3-1 initially.

Persistent pressure worked as Yamaguchi levelled par and went to a 4-3 lead when Sindhu made a judgement-error and soon moved to 6-3.

Sindhu however soon grabbed the lead at 8-7 after her rival went wide and then hit the net.

A fantastic rally ended with Sindhu

on her knees at the forecourt. She then went long but the Japanese too erred as it was 9-9.

At the break, Yamaguchi held a slender 11-10 lead after Sindhu could not properly connect at the forecourt.

Sindhu took a 14-11 lead after the break, following two mistakes from the Japanese and a superb disguised flick at the back court.

Sindhu dominated the proceedings after the break, grabbing a six-point cushion at 18-11.

Yamaguchi took two points before another long shot gave Sindhu another point. The Indian grabbed six match points when Yamaguchi hit the net again. The Japanese saved one before faltering at the net to hand over the match to Sindhu.

The top two players from each group will qualify for the semifinals, after which a knockout draw will be conducted.

## Fortunegiants crush Steelers hopes

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Gujarat Fortunegiants continued their fine form as they beat Haryana Steelers 47-37 in Vivo Pro Kabaddi Season 6 clash at Vizag.

The raiding duo of K Prapjan and Sachin led the charge for Gujarat and both achieved a super 10 each to score 22 points. Parvesh Bhainswal and

Sunil Kumar led the defence for Gujarat and contained Haryana raiders throughout the match. Haryana Steelers are now out of contention of making the playoffs and suffered throughout the match as their defence couldn't get going.

Monu Goyat top scored for Haryana Steelers with 11 points. K Prapjan kickstarted the proceedings for Gujarat Fortunegiants with a two-point

raid in the second minute as they led 4-1. Haryana Steelers crumbled under Gujarat's fast start and suffered an all out as early as the 4th minute. Monu Goyat tried to restore some parity in the first half with a couple of good raids. After 10 minutes of play, Gujarat Fortunegiants led 18-9.

Naveen made a super raid in the 12th minute as Haryana Steelers reduced the deficit to

seven points and trailed 12-19. But the raiding duo of Prapjan and Sachin were relentless in the first half. Gujarat's defence joined the scoring with a super tackle in the 18th minute. At the end of the first half, Gujarat Fortunegiants enjoyed a 12-point lead.

Haryana Steelers defence struggled in the first half as they scored just two tackle points.

Gujarat made a two-point raid in the 27th minute to extend their lead to 32-19. Gujarat Fortunegiants inflicted another all out in the 29th minute to lead 36-20.

The last 10 minutes were more about Haryana Steelers reducing the margin of defeat. Vikas Kandola made a two-point raid in the 35th minute as Haryana Steelers trailed 27-40. Monu Goyat made a two-point raid as Steelers inflicted an all out in the 36th minute to reduce the deficit further by eight points.

# SALAH, ALISSON SEND REDS THROUGH

Mohamed's first-half strike prove decisive as Liverpool manage to beat Napoli 1-0 in final group fixture to avoid early exit; Spurs leapfrog Inter after Barca stalemate

AFP ■ LIVERPOOL

Mohamed Salah's first-half goal and a stunning late save from goalkeeper Alisson saw Liverpool edge into the Champions League knockout stage after a tense 1-0 win over Napoli on Tuesday, while Lucas Moura's late strike saw Tottenham progress with a draw at Barcelona.

Last year's runners-up Liverpool knew victory by two goals or a 1-0 triumph would put them through to the last 16 from Group C, and Salah's cool 34th-minute strike proved enough as they finished ahead of Napoli on goals scored.

"Wow, what a game. I am not sure a manager could be prouder of a team than I am," Reds boss Jurgen Klopp told *BT Sport*.

Paris Saint-Germain reached the knockout rounds as group winners thanks to a 4-1 victory over Red Star Belgrade, with Neymar, Kylian Mbappe and Edinson Cavani all on the scoresheet.

Liverpool grabbed the crucial goal at a raucous Anfield, as Salah jinked past Kalidou Koulibaly inside the area and slotted the ball beyond goalkeeper David Ospina.

Salah, who had already wasted an earlier chance with a heavy touch, continued to run Napoli ragged early in the second half, but Ospina saved from Jordan Henderson and James Milner curled wide as Carlo Ancelotti's men stayed a goal from turning the group on its head.

The atmosphere around Anfield became increasingly tense as the



Premier League leaders continued to miss opportunities, with Ospina springing to his left to tip away Salah's attempted lob before denying Mane from point-blank range.

Senegal forward Mane was guilty of two further snatched efforts in front of goal, and Napoli almost made the Reds pay in the dying

moments.

The ball fell for substitute striker Arkadiusz Milik unmarked in the area, but Alisson raced from his line to keep out the Pole's strike with his legs.

"I have no idea how Alisson made a save like this," gushed Klopp. "It was amazing."

PSG went into their match in Belgrade knowing that victory would send them through, and Edinson Cavani gave the French champions the perfect start by tapping in after an excellent run and pass by Kylian Mbappe.

Neymar's strike five minutes before half-time appeared to have



put the game to bed, but Red Star, who had already beaten Liverpool and held Napoli in Serbia earlier in the campaign, pulled one back before the hour mark through Marko Gobeljic.

But PSG finally sealed their spot in the last 16 as Marquinhos headed in Angel Di Maria's free-kick with 16 minutes to go and Mbappe added further gloss to the scoreline in added time.

"We made mistakes, but I real-

ly liked the reaction after Belgrade's goal. We controlled the match," PSG coach Thomas Tuchel told *RMC Sport*.

## SPURS COME BACK

Spurs went into their final Group B game at the Camp Nou needing to match Inter Milan's result against PSV Eindhoven in Italy, but Mauricio Pochettino's side fell behind in only the seventh minute as Ousmane Dembele scored a wonderful individual goal.

Hirving Lozano gave PSV a shock early advantage at the San Siro, though, to leave Tottenham heading through as it stood.

The English club had plenty of half-chances against a much-changed Barca, who had already won the group, but Philippe Coutinho almost made it 2-0 when his low shot struck the post.

Mauro Icardi levelled for Inter against PSV with 17 minutes left to leave Spurs needing to score at least once.

Tottenham, who were facing an early elimination when trailing

PSV in their fourth group match before rallying to win and then beating Inter, continued to push and Moura met Harry Kane's low cross in the 85th minute to cap a dramatic group-stage revival.

"I always believed it was possible to win the game," Spurs manager Pochettino told *BT Sport*. "We fully deserved to go through with Barcelona. We were the best (two) teams in a difficult group."

Borussia Dortmund snatched top spot in Group A with a 2-0 win over rock-bottom Monaco, as Atletico Madrid were held to a goalless draw at Club Brugge.

Raphael Guerreiro tapped in Maximilian Philipp's low cross in the 15th minute against Thierry Henry's crisis-hit Monaco, before slamming in a second late on.

"It's a perfect evening. On the whole it was a deserved victory," said Dortmund coach Lucien Favre.

Earlier on Tuesday in Group D, Galatasaray secured a Europa League last-32 place despite losing 3-2 to Porto in an entertaining game which saw two of three penalties scored.

## SINGLES

### MANIKA WIN BREAKTHROUGH STAR AWARD

**NEW DELHI:** India's Manika Batra on Wednesday became the first Indian Table Tennis player to be decorated with the 'Breakthrough Table Tennis Star' award at the prestigious International Table Tennis Federation Star Awards in Incheon. "I am really honoured and happy to have received the award. I feel, 2018 has been the best year of my career so far and I am happy for what I have achieved," Manika said at the ceremony. "I would like to thank the Government, the Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) and most importantly, my family, who has been there for me and motivated me along this journey," she added.

### CONSTANTINE NAMES PROBABLES FOR CAMP

**NEW DELHI:** As many as 18 under-23 players figured in the list of 34 probables named by India football coach Stephen Constantine for the preparatory camp ahead of next year's AFC Asian Cup to be held at United Arab Emirates from January 5 to February 1. All the players will be reporting to the camp in Delhi from December 16 onwards, with a squad of 28 members flying to Abu Dhabi for the final phase of preparation on December 20. As part of their preparation, the Blue Tigers are slated to play an International Friendly against Oman in Abu Dhabi on December 27. They then move on to challenge Thailand in their first match in the Asian Cup at the Al Nahyan Stadium in Abu Dhabi on January 6 next year.

### JAPAN SHUN KAGAWA TO WIN ASIAN CUP

**TOKYO:** Japan dropped former Manchester United star Shinji Kagawa from the Blue Samurai's bid to reclaim the Asian Cup, opting instead for a squad filled with young Europe-based talents. Coach Hajime Moriyasu on Wednesday selected several players with only a handful of caps to their names for Asia's showcase football tournament in the United Arab Emirates starting in January. The likes of Ritsu Doan of Groningen, Shoya Nakajima of Portimonense and Takumi Minamino of Salzburg will lead Japan's bid for a record-extending fifth title. But there was no place for midfielder Kagawa, 29, now struggling for playing time at Borussia Dortmund.

### NEHA TAKES THREE-SHOT LEAD

**KOLKATA:** Neha Tripathi carded two-under 70 to take a three-shot lead after the opening day of the 18th Leg of the Hero Women's Pro Golf Tour here on Wednesday. Neha, who skipped the Ladies European Tour Qualifying School to work on her game and go for the Chinese LPGA in January, shot five birdies against three bogeys at the Royal Calcutta Golf Club here. She was three shots better than second-placed Atshan Fatima (73). Smriti Mehra who was three-over in the first eight holes had pars on her last 10, as she scored 75, while three players Amandeep Drall, Khushi Khanijia and Siddhi Kapoor shot 77 each to be Tied-fourth.

### NOBLE EXTENDS WEST HAM CONTRACT

**LONDON:** West Ham have given captain Mark Noble a contract extension that ties him to the Premier League club until 2021. Noble made his Hammers debut in 2004 and has gone to make 446 appearances for the team. The 31-year-old midfielder has started West Ham's last three matches and his return to the side has sparked a revival from Manuel Pellegrini's men, who have won all three fixtures to climb away from the relegation zone. "It was an option in my contract that I signed a few years ago now, and it's an extra year, which is fantastic for me and my family," Noble told West Ham's website. "I've been at this club all my life. I've always said I wanted to be at this club and I think we're moving in the right direction." Agencies

# 'Dhoni must play domestic cricket to be eligible for India selection'

PTI ■ NEW DELHI

Former India all-rounder and selector Mohinder Amarnath feels M S Dhoni and other senior players must play domestic cricket to be eligible for selection in the national team.

Having being dropped from the Twenty20 side recently and retired from Tests long ago, Dhoni now is a certainty in only ODI cricket.

Despite having the time, the former captain did not play the 50-over Vijay Hazare Trophy this year and will go into the three-match series in Australia next month without any match practice.

"Every individual is different but one thing I have always believed in is that if you want to play for India you have to play for your state as



well. I think they (BCCI) should change this policy altogether. A lot of senior players don't play domestic cricket," Amarnath said on sidelines of an event organised by *Royal Stag* in collaboration with the ICC.

"The BCCI should make it an eligibility criteria. Not only a number of games, you should be playing regularly for your state if you are not playing for India and not only just before the India selection. Then only you can judge how good the guy is playing. Whatever you have achieved is all in the past. What is important is current form," said the hero of India's World Cup triumph in 1983.

"Even if you are playing one format, you should be playing all formats at least in domestic cricket to be considered for selection," the former selector said.

## 'AUS WILL GIVE TOUGH FIGHT'

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

Talking about the ongoing Test series in Australia, former great Mohinder Amarnath feels India are a superior unit but the depleted hosts are capable of giving them a run for their money.

"Australian cricketers think differently. It is not the first time they are going through this kind of phase. They are in the process of building a new team. But from what I watched in the first Test, some of the players are really good. You can't just rule Australia out of the series. Of course India are more superior but again they have to continue playing good cricket."

"First Test was a fantastic Test match from a cricketing point of view. The only difference was Cheteshwar Pujara. It shows we are here for a thrilling series with advantage India," said the 68-year-old, who played 69 Tests and 85 ODIs.



How will India do in the second Test starting Friday in Perth?

"It depends on nature of wicket. If the wicket is doing a bit, some of the batsmen struggle with their technique. It is not how aggressive you play, the key in Test cricket is that only when you leave good deliveries, you occupy the crease for a long time. It is not that they don't have that in them but they have to adapt."

## Pacers need to be protected like race horses: Arun

PTI ■ PERTH

The impressive Indian fast bowlers are like race horses, who need to be protected and handled carefully, says India's bowling coach Bharat Arun, who avowed that the current lot is one of the best the country has seen.

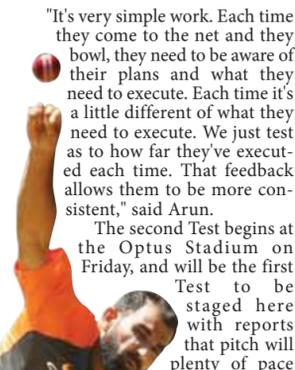
The Indian pacers, and the entire attack as a whole, has been impressive on all overseas tours this year.

"I can say that not only now for what they did in Adelaide but what they've done over a period of time in South Africa, in England and now in Australia. This is probably one of the best group of fast bowlers India has ever had," Arun said ahead of the second Test against Australia.

"Fast bowlers are a precious commodity and they need to be taken care of, like what you do with a racehorse and that's exactly what's happening," he said.

Arun said the pacers — Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Shami, Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Ishant Sharma — have improved because they have found consistency.

"Consistency was a bit issue (on previous tours) and that's something we've addressed with the bowlers. It's something we've really worked hard on. We insist on one-person form factor even during practice, and the bowlers have responded exceptionally well. That's showing dividends right now."



"It's very simple work. Each time they come to the net and they bowl, they need to be aware of their plans and what they need to execute. Each time it's a little different of what they need to execute. We just test as to how far they've executed each time. That feedback allows them to be more consistent," said Arun.

The second Test begins at the Optus Stadium on Friday, and will be the first Test to be staged here with reports that pitch will plenty of pace and bounce.

Arun said that bowling at the new Perth Stadium pitch would be a temptation for their current attack, which is capable of adapting to any conditions across the world.

## India never miss chances: Harris

PTI ■ PERTH

Australian opener Marcus Harris said he didn't feel out of depth during his debut Test at Adelaide even though there was hardly any margin of error against a quality side like India in the opening match.

"You always doubt yourself as a person, you're not sure if you're going to fit in Test cricket. So, it was good to spend time in the middle in both innings. I didn't feel out of my depth at all," said Harris, who scored a matching 26 in both the innings on debut.

"But I realised pretty quickly they don't bowl any crap and they don't miss any chances that you give them. So you've got to be switched on from ball one. "I felt like my game stood up



to it, it's probably just a decision-making thing and being able to occupy the crease for long periods of time, but I didn't feel like I was out of my depth at all," he added.

Outwitted by R Ashwin and Mohammed Shami in the two innings, Harris said he is working on his plans to tackle the Indian bowlers at the Perth Test beginning on Friday.

"I worked hard in between the first and second innings on some plans against Ashwin and now I'm just working on guys coming around the wicket and stuff like that to work on plans India will use against me," he said.

"It has given me great confidence to be able to bat a decent period of time and occupy the crease for a bit."

Australia lost the first Test narrowly by 31 runs and Harris said the hosts will take confidence from the close finish and the onus will be on the top-order

to take responsibility from the batting exploits of their tail-enders.

"I think we took some good confidence from the fight we showed, it got down to 30 runs. I know when I looked at it as a batter I thought 'I wish I could've got 60 or 70'. So we got pretty close and hopefully we could take some momentum into the game on Friday," he said.

"I think the wicket will suit us a little bit more with the conditions, that's taking nothing away from India, but I just think a little bit of momentum."

"We would've loved to win the game, but the boys bowled really well and they also batted really well. It's probably on us batters to take a bit of the weight from them."

## WFI upgrades Sushil, Sakshi's contracts

**MUMBAI:** Terming it as a mistake, the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) on Wednesday announced that the contracts of star grapplers Sushil Kumar and Sakshi Malik have been upgraded to Grade A from B.

When the WFI announced the contracts, both Sakshi and Sushil, Olympic medalists were given grade B contracts. However, rectifying the error, an announcement to upgrade their contracts was made by WFI President Brijbhushan Sharan Singh on Wednesday.

"With your support, we implemented the grading system for the players A, B, C, D, E and F grades."



"We all unanimously agreed that such players like Sushil (Kumar) and Sakshi Malik, who gave the country the first medal when Indias medal tally (at the Rio Olympics was empty) should not be kept in B grade," Singh said while explaining the

WFI's change of mind.

"So I would like to admit that it was a mistake (on our part) and we are rectifying the mistake and are now including both the players (Sakshi and Sushil) to A grade, added the WFI President.

"After Singh's announcement in Grade A, there are five wrestlers Bhangra Punia, Vinesh Phogat, Pooja Dhanda, Sushil Kumar and Sakshi Malik. The players in Grade A will get ₹ 30 lakh annually.

"Players did not complain about it (grades), neither the media did. But we have rectified the mistake," Singh informed.

Now there are no players in Grade B.